

# Neutrino Physics, SNO, and SNOLAB

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- Status of Neutrino Physics, ongoing motivation for solar neutrinos, double beta decay
- Status of SNO, SNOLAB
- Future experiments at SNOLAB

# Neutrino Physics

## What have we learned?

### Neutrino properties

#### 1) Evidence for neutrino flavor change:

- Atmospheric: Super-K
- Solar: SNO (Solar model independent test, supported by other measurements).
- LSND?: MiniBoone does not see effects compatible with oscillation at LSND
- Neutrino parameter limits set by many experiments: Reactor, Accelerator

#### 2) Neutrino Mass:

- Mass differences from oscillations
- Mass Limit  $< 2.8$  eV from tritium beta decay
- Double Beta Decay: Limits so far: Mass limit  $< \sim 0.35$  eV if Majorana.
- Limits from Astrophysics: Large Scale structure  $< 1$  eV.

#### 3) Number of light neutrinos:

- Z width:  $2.981 \pm 0.008$  active types
- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis:  $\sim 3$  active neutrino types
- No specific evidence for sterile neutrinos.
- Limits on sterile from solar, atmospheric measurements.

## **Neutrino properties**

- The most favored explanation for the data to date is **Neutrino Oscillations of 3 active neutrino types.**
- Other possibilities are not completely ruled out, but less favored
  - Flavor Changing Neutral Currents
  - Resonant Spin Flavor Precession for solar neutrinos
  - Violation of Equivalence Principle
  - CPT Violation
  - Sterile neutrinos

**In the discussion to follow, I will concentrate on the favored basis of Neutrino Oscillations of three active neutrino types and consider the further information to be obtained on this basis.**

Using the oscillation framework:

If neutrinos have mass: 
$$|\nu_l\rangle = \sum U_{li} |\nu_i\rangle$$

For 3 Active neutrinos. (MiniBoone has recently ruled out LSND result)

$$U_{li} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata-Pontecorvo matrix**

(Double  $\beta$  decay only)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\delta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\alpha_3/2+i\delta} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solar, Reactor**

**Atmospheric**

**CP Violating Phase**

**Reactor, Accel.**

**Majorana Phases**

where  $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ , and  $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

**Range defined for  $\Delta m_{12}, \Delta m_{23}$**

For two neutrino oscillation in a vacuum: (valid approximation in many cases)

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

# Matter Effects – the MSW effect

(Mikheyev, Smirnov, Wolfenstein)

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_x \end{bmatrix} = H \begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_x \end{bmatrix}$$
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta + \sqrt{2} G_F N_e & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta \\ \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

The extra term arises because solar  $\nu_e$  have an extra interaction via W exchange with electrons in the Sun or Earth.

In the oscillation formula:

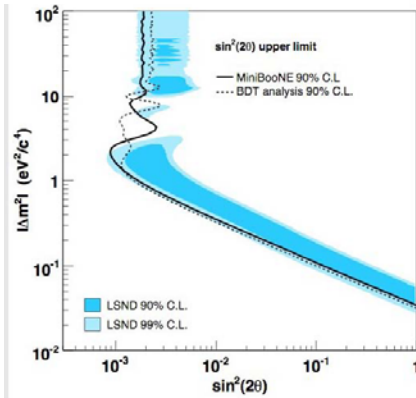
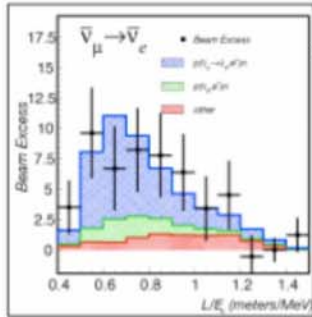
$$\sin^2 2\theta_m = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{(\omega - \cos 2\theta)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta}$$

$$\omega = -\sqrt{2} G_F N_e E / \Delta m^2$$

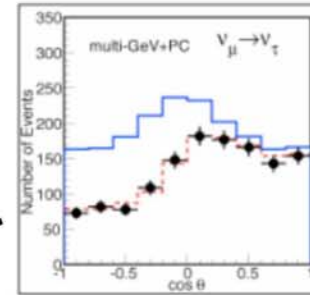
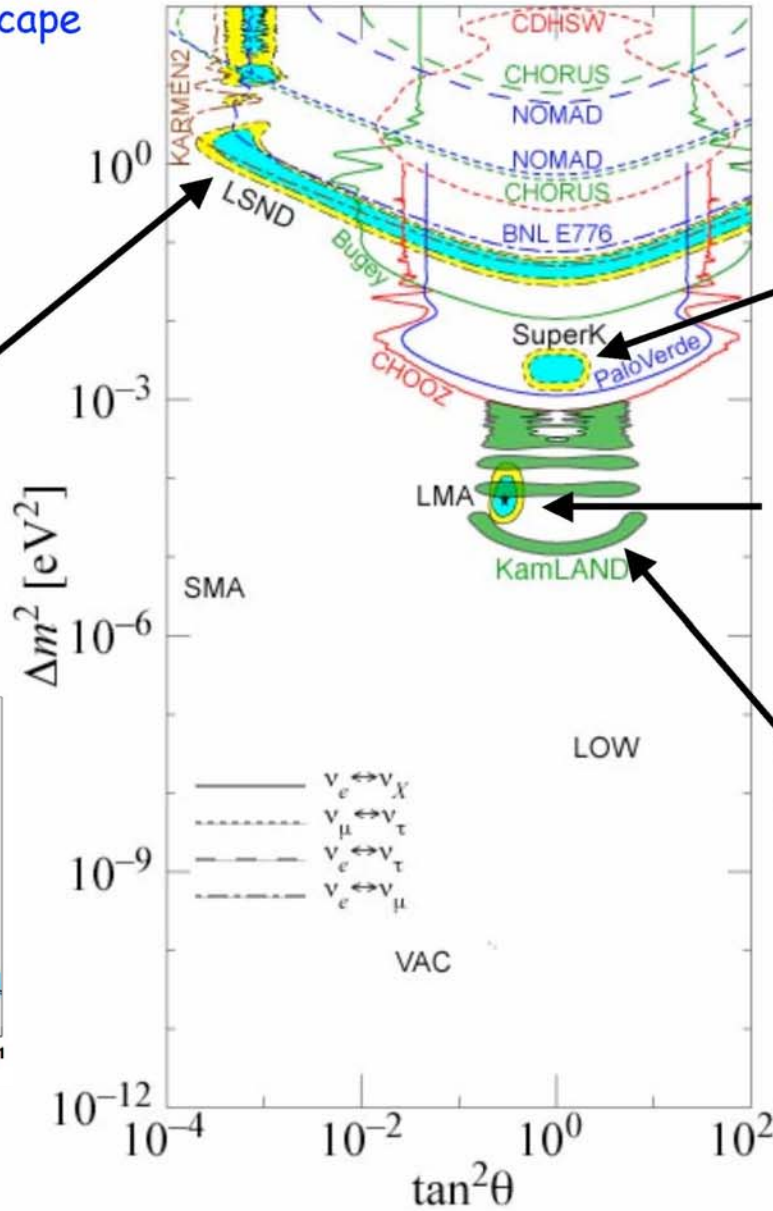
**MSW effect can produce an energy spectrum distortion and flavor regeneration in Earth giving a Day-night effect**

# Neutrino LANDscape

$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$   
**LSND**

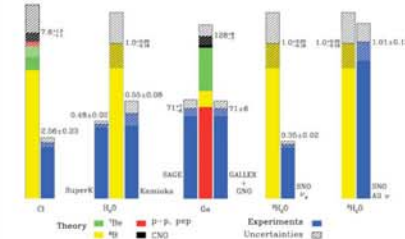


Now ruled out  
 By MiniBooNE

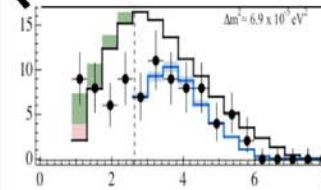


SuperK  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment  
 Bahcall-Pinsonneault 2000



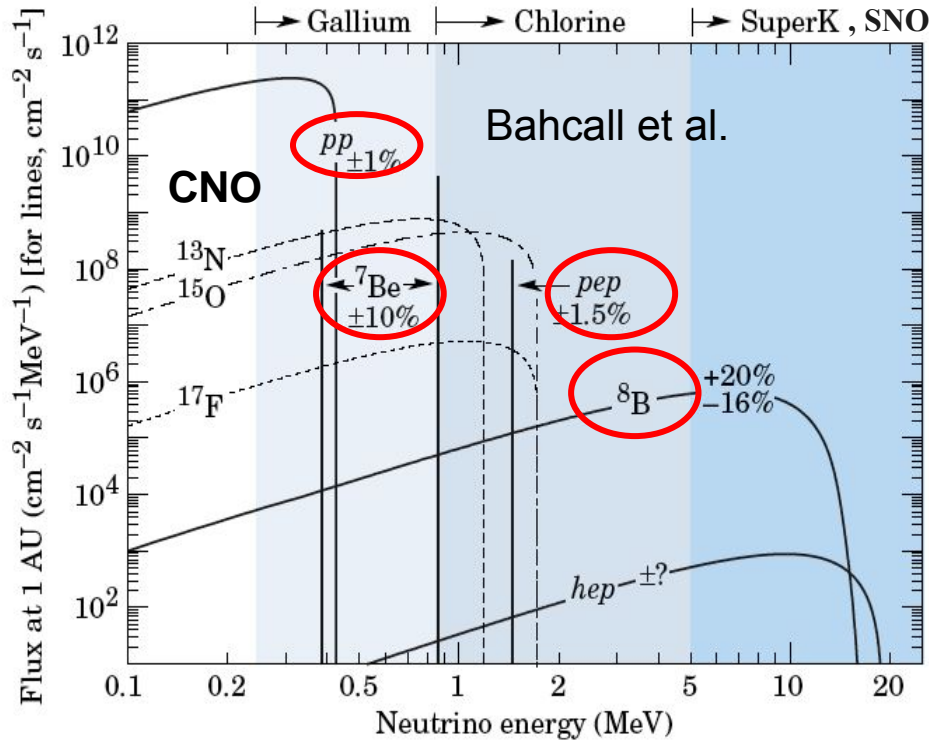
Solar  
 $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x$



Reactor  
 $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_x$

# Oscillations for Solar Neutrinos

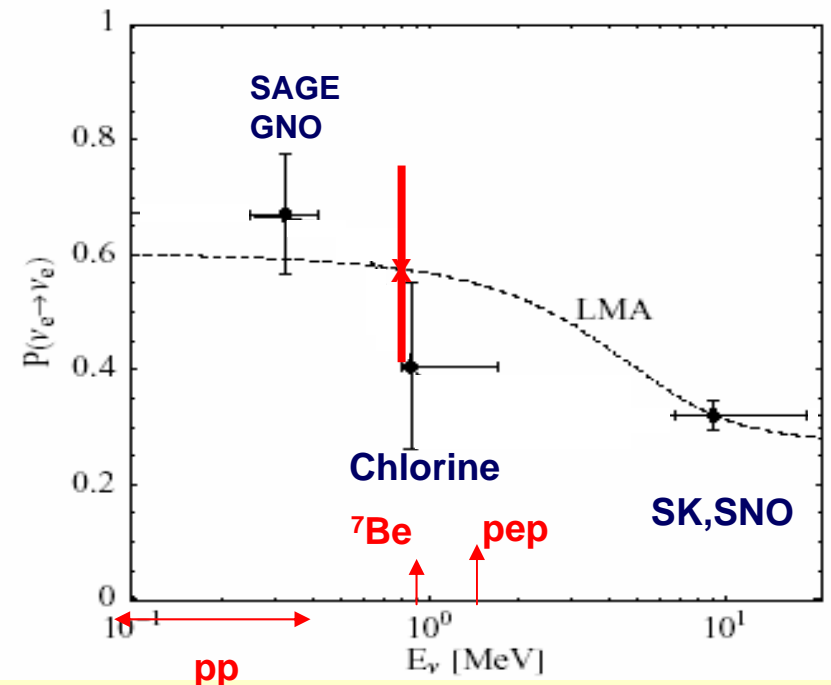
## Solar Model Flux Calculations



**New  $^{7}\text{Be}$  result from Borexino agrees with LMA Mixing parameters With  $\sim 30\%$  accuracy**

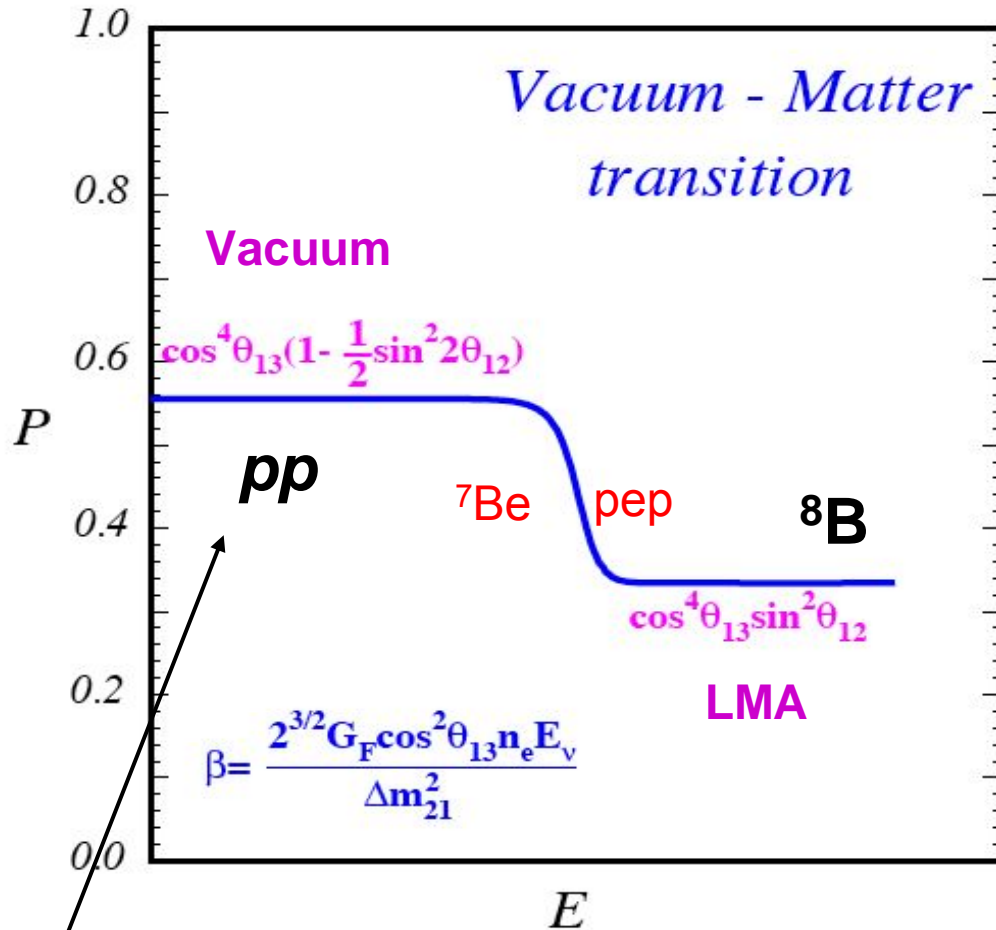
## Matter Interaction Effect: LMA

## Current Data for $\nu_e$ Survival



# Future solar neutrino measurements

pp,  ${}^7\text{Be}$ , pep,  ${}^8\text{B}$



- Compare ES, CC
- Compare ES, SSM

Bahcall & Pena-Garay  
 hep-ph/0305159

## • NEUTRINO PHYSICS

- Confirm matter effects (MSW).
- Improve  $\Theta_{12}$ ,  $\Theta_{13}$ .
- Search for effects of sterile  $\nu$ , Non-Standard Interactions, Mass-varying neutrinos.

## • SOLAR PHYSICS

- Accurate measurement of neutrino luminosity (pp, pep).
- Observe CNO neutrinos.



# The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory: SNO



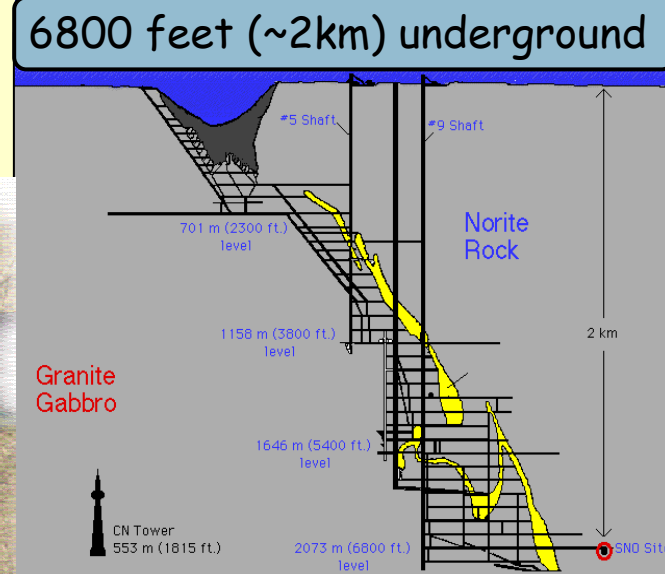
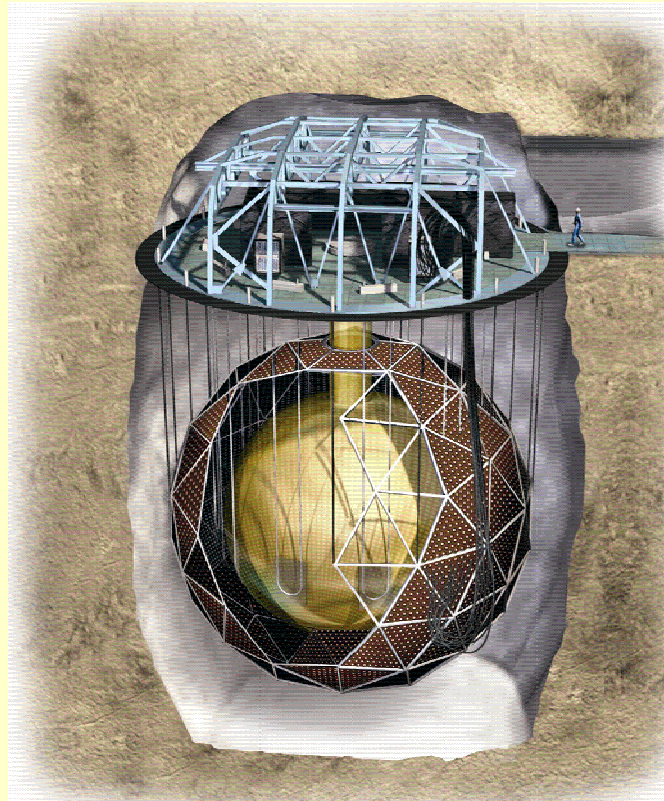
Acrylic vessel (AV)  
12 m diameter

1000 tonnes  $D_2O$   
(\$300 million)

1700 tonnes  $H_2O$   
inner shielding

5300 tonnes  $H_2O$   
outer shielding

~9500 PMT's



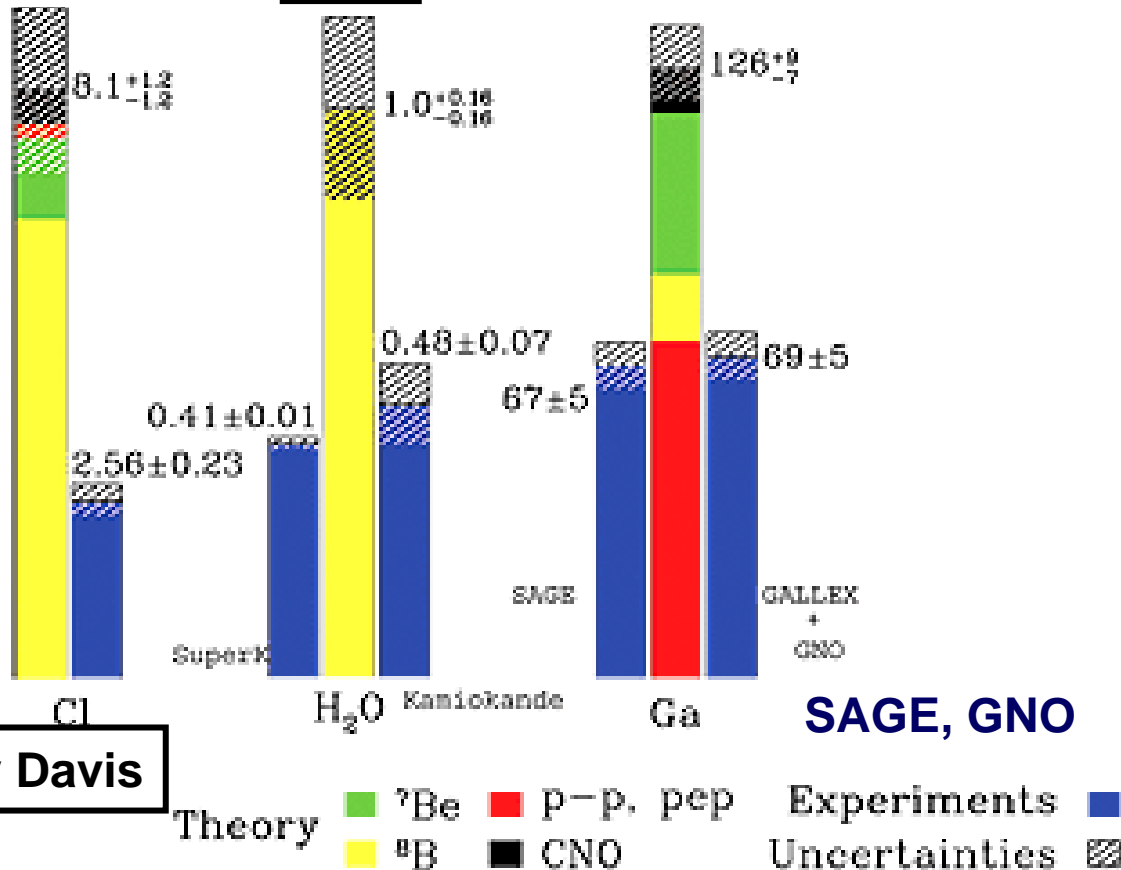
"The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory" , The SNO Collaboration  
Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research [A449](#) (2000) pp. 172-207

The heavy water has recently been returned and development work is in progress on SNO+ with liquid scintillator and  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  additive

# Experiments sensitive primarily or exclusively to Electron Neutrinos saw too few neutrinos compared to Solar Models

Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment

Bahcall-Serenelli 2005 [BS05(OP)]



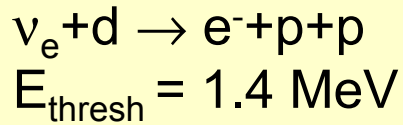
“Solar Neutrino Problem”

1967 - 2001

Question: Were the solar model calculations inaccurate, Or were the neutrinos changing to other undetected types?

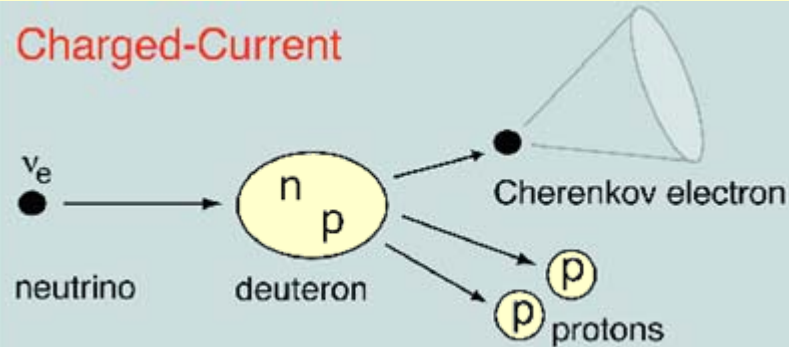
# Unique Signatures in SNO (D<sub>2</sub>O)

## Charged-Current (CC)

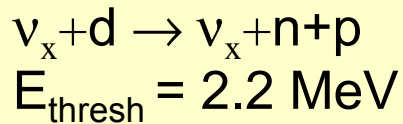


$\nu_e$  only

### Charged-Current

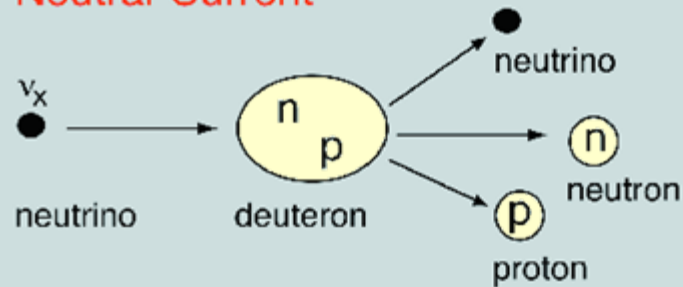


## Neutral-Current (NC)



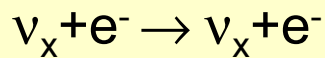
Equally sensitive to  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$

### Neutral-Current



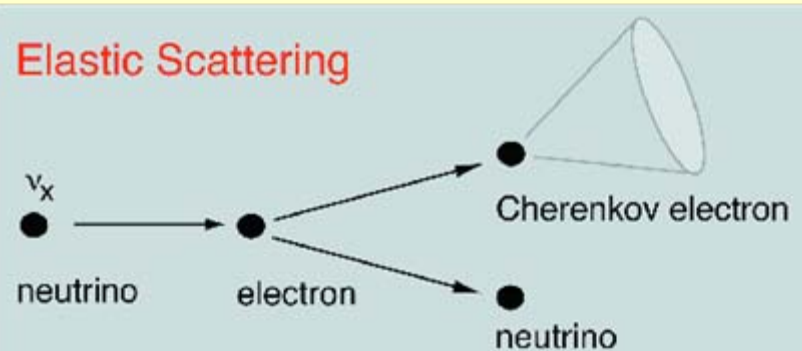
3 ways to detect neutrons

## Elastic Scattering (ES)



$\nu_x$ , but enhanced for  $\nu_e$

### Elastic Scattering



# Solar Neutrino Physics From SNO

**Clear Evidence: Flavor change + active neutrino appearance**

June 2001  
(with SK)

$$\frac{\Phi_{CC}}{\Phi_{ES}} = \frac{V_e}{V_e + 0.15(V_\mu + V_\tau)}$$

3.3  $\sigma$

April 2002  
Sept. 2003  
March 2005

$$\frac{\Phi_{CC}}{\Phi_{NC}} = \frac{V_e}{V_e + V_\mu + V_\tau}$$

5.3  $\sigma$

> 7  $\sigma$

With salt  
in SNO

**Total  $^8\text{B}$  Solar Neutrino Flux**

June 2001

$$\Phi_x = \Phi_{CC} + (\Phi_{ES} - \Phi_{CC}) \times (1/0.15)$$

April 2002  
Sept. 2003  
March 2005

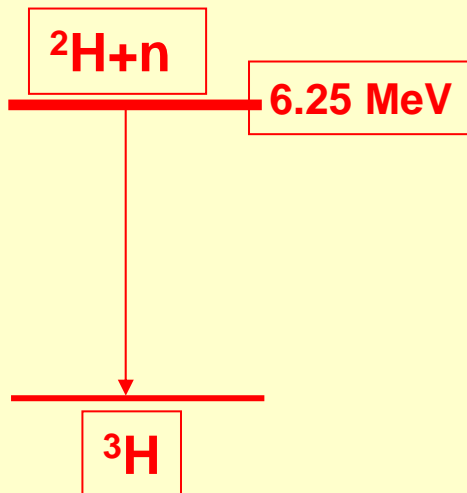
$$\Phi_x = \Phi_{nc}$$

~10%

# 3 neutron (NC) detection methods (systematically different)

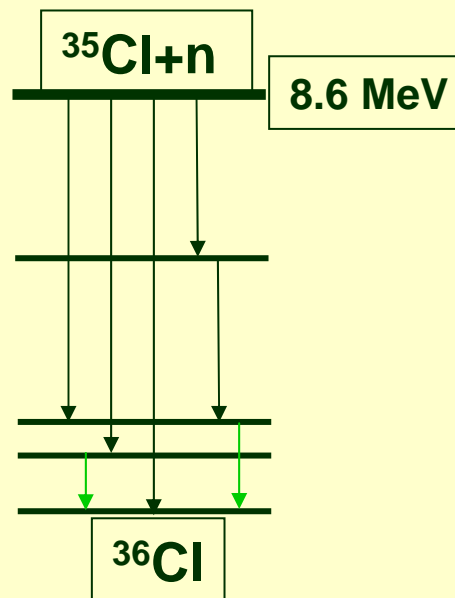
**Phase I (D<sub>2</sub>O)**  
Nov. 99 - May 01

n captures on  
 $^2\text{H}(n, \gamma)^3\text{H}$   
Effc. ~14.4%  
NC and CC separation  
by energy, radial, and  
directional  
distributions



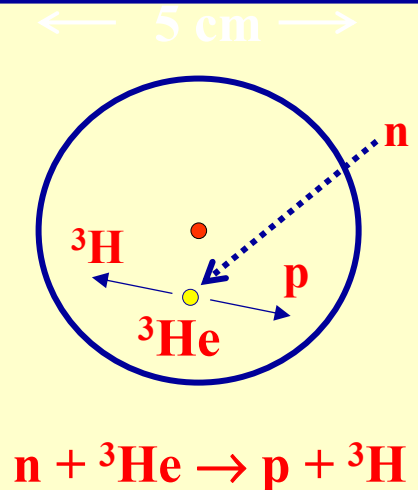
**Phase II (salt)**  
July 01 - Sep. 03

2 t NaCl. n captures  
on  
 $^{35}\text{Cl}(n, \gamma)^{36}\text{Cl}$   
Effc. ~40%  
NC and CC separation  
by event isotropy



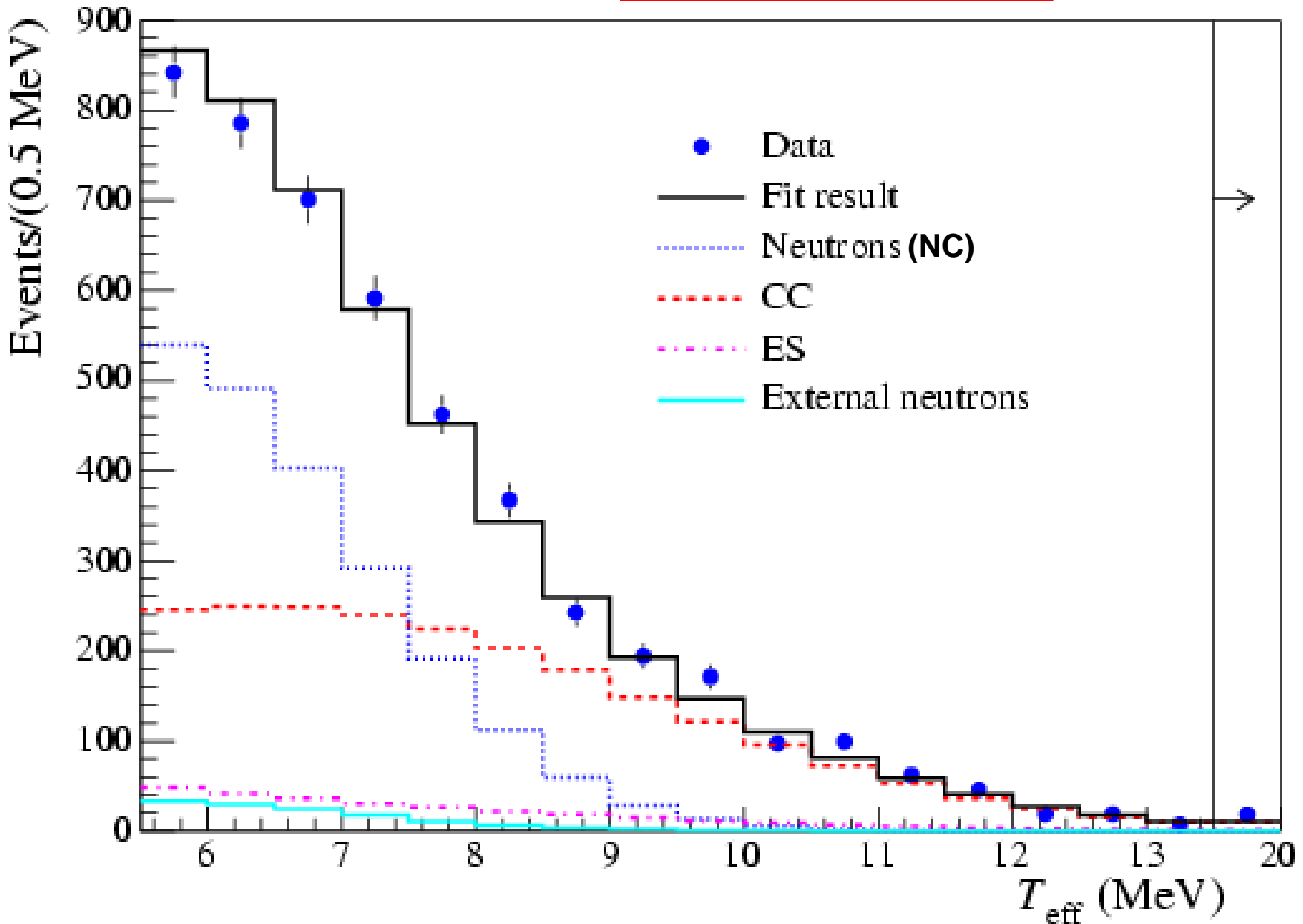
**Phase III ( $^3\text{He}$ )**  
Nov. 04-Dec. 06

40 proportional  
counters  
 $^3\text{He}(n, p)^3\text{H}$   
Effc. ~ 30% capture  
Measure NC rate with  
entirely different  
detection system.



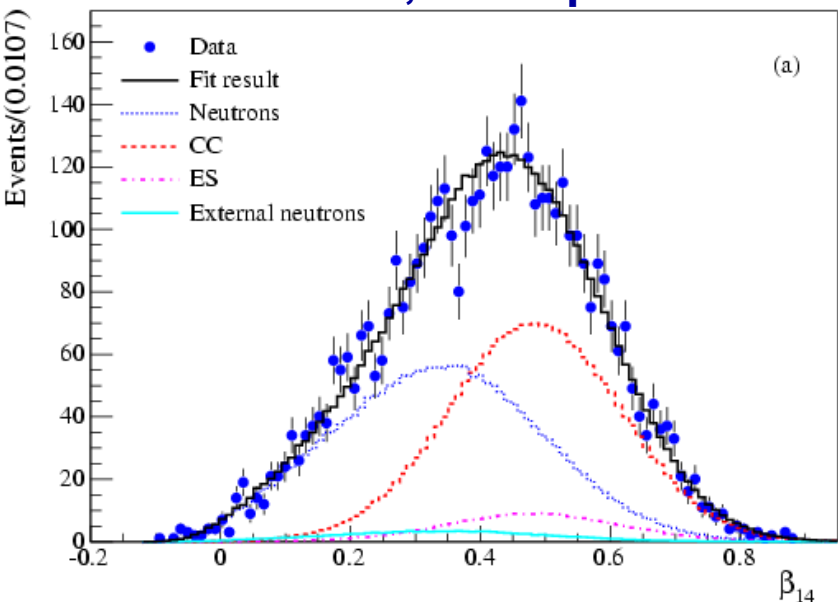
## Total Spectrum

"Blind" analysis of data

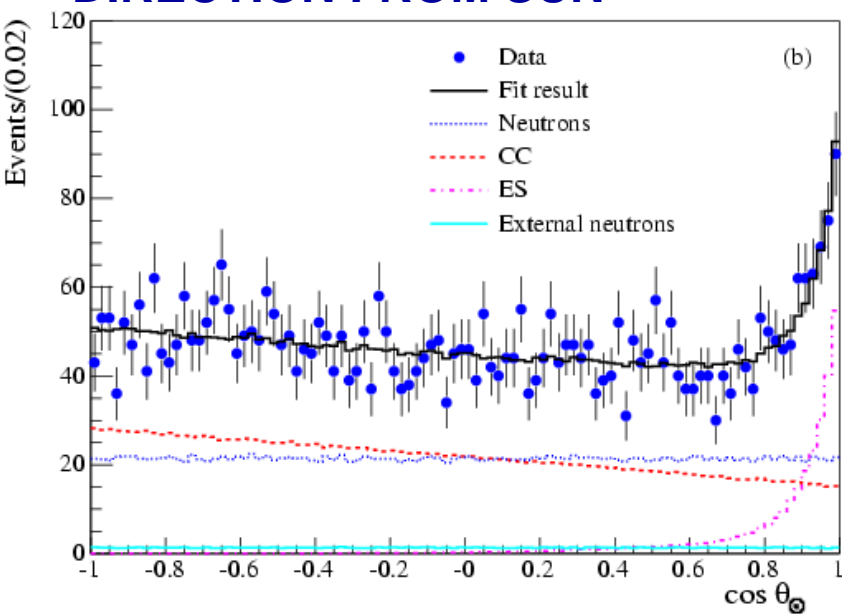


# SNO Phase 2 with salt

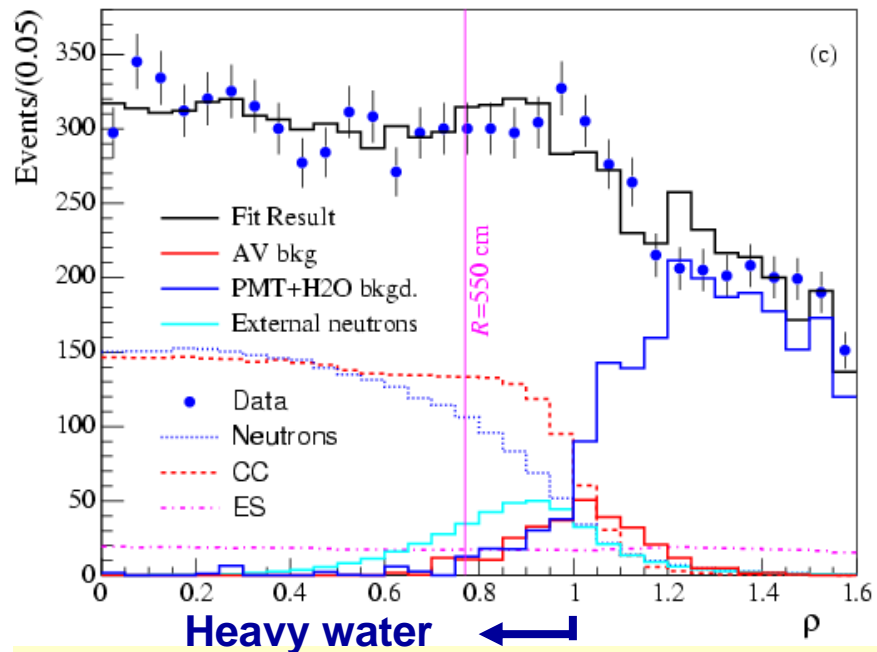
## ISOTROPY: NC, CC separation



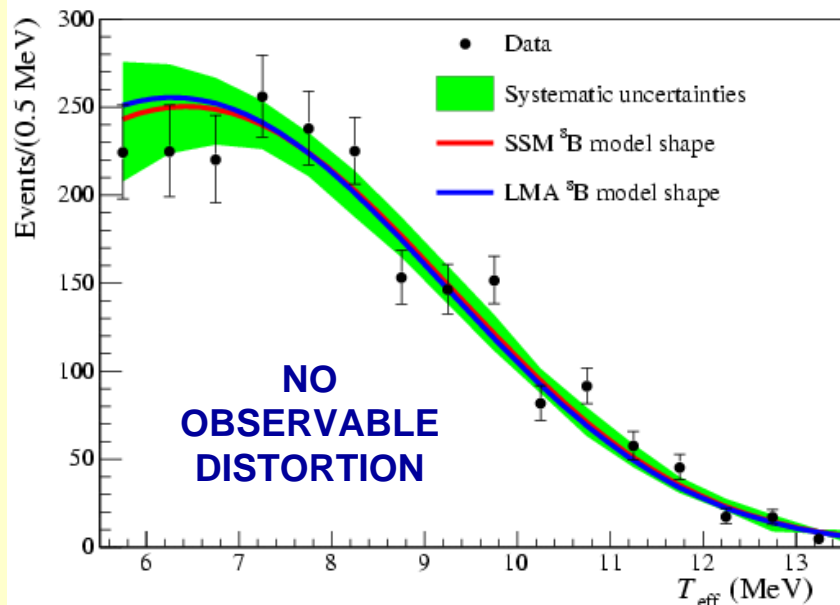
## DIRECTION FROM SUN

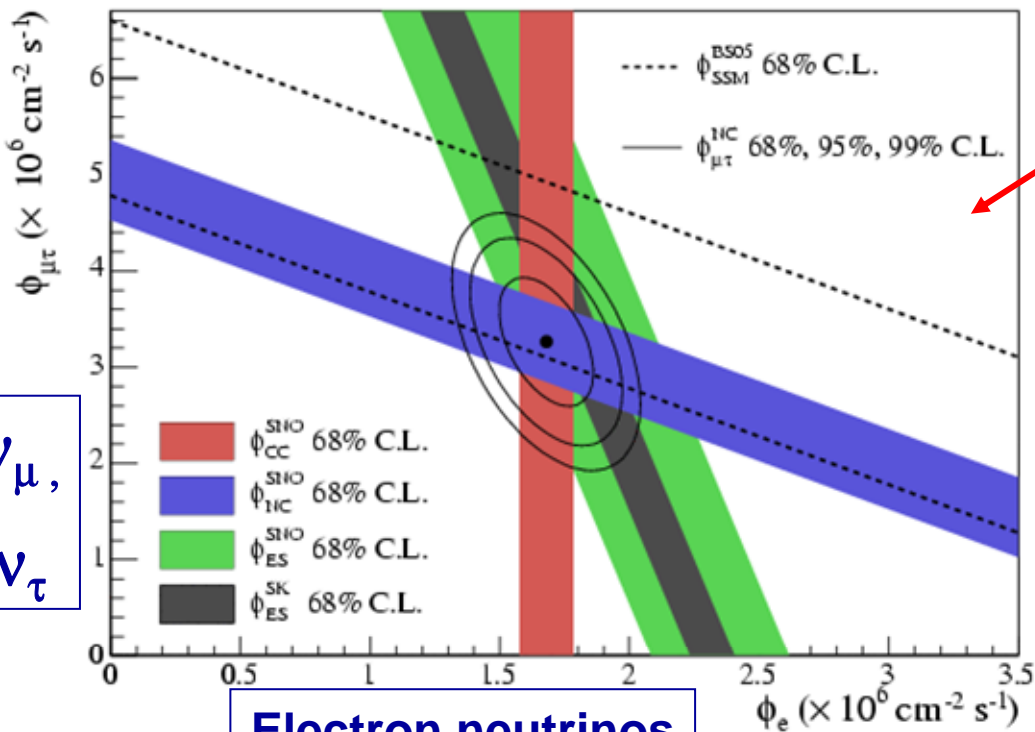


## EVENTS VS VOLUME: Bkg < 10%



## ENERGY SPECTRUM FROM CC REACTION





**Electron neutrinos**

$\nu_\mu,$   
 $\nu_\tau$

**Flavor change determined by  $> 7 \sigma$ .**

**CC, NC FLUXES MEASURED INDEPENDENTLY**

**The Total Flux of Active Neutrinos is measured independently (NC) and agrees well with solar model**

**Calculations:  
5.82 +/- 1.3 (Bahcall et al),  
5.31 +/- 0.6 (Turck-Chieze et al)**

$$\phi_{CC} = 1.68^{+0.06}_{-0.06}(\text{stat.})^{+0.08}_{-0.09}(\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi_{NC} = 4.94^{+0.21}_{-0.21}(\text{stat.})^{+0.38}_{-0.34}(\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi_{ES} = 2.35^{+0.22}_{-0.22}(\text{stat.})^{+0.15}_{-0.15}(\text{syst.})$$

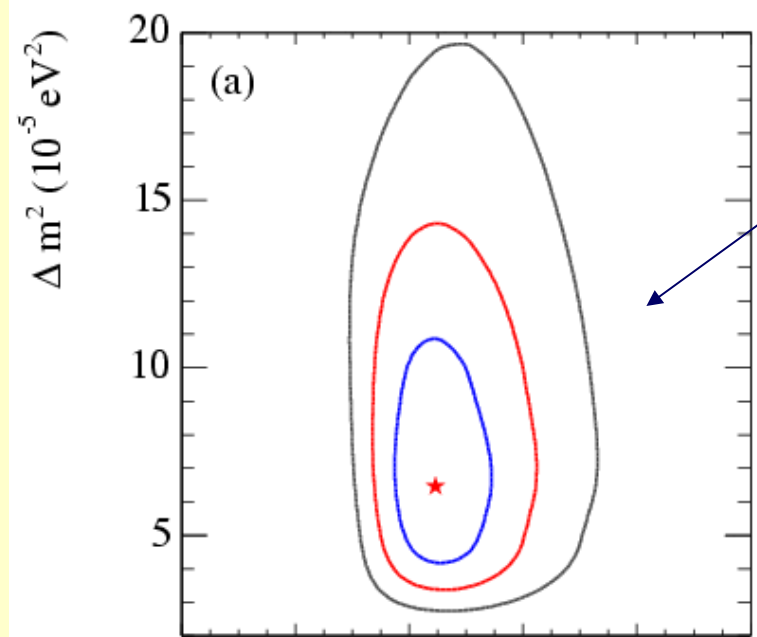
(In units of  $10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

**Test solar physics?: Pena-Garay: Venice07**

$$\frac{\phi_{CC}}{\phi_{NC}} = 0.34 \pm 0.023(\text{stat.})^{+0.029}_{-0.031} = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12}$$

**Improved accuracy for  $\theta_{12}$ .**



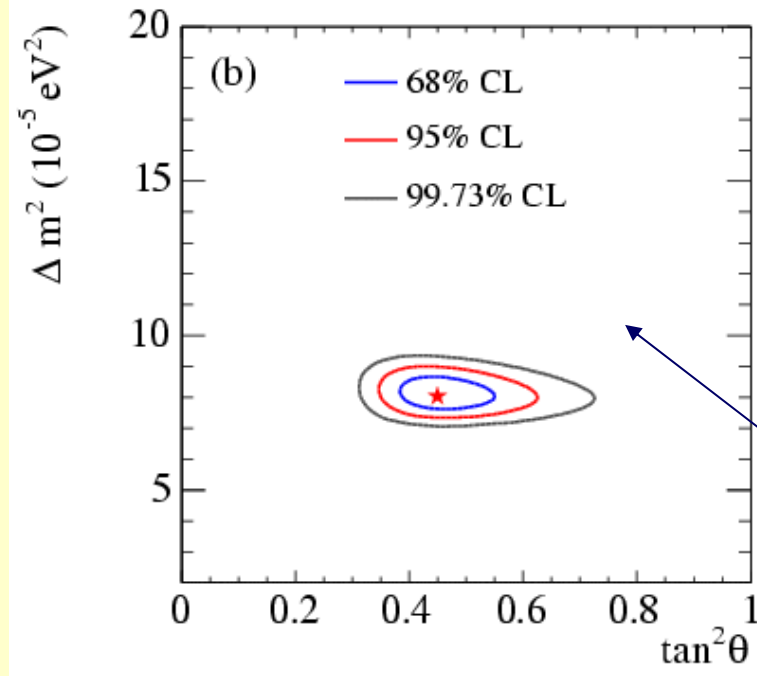


**SOLAR ONLY  
AFTER NEW  
SNO SALT  
DATA**

**- The solar results define the mass hierarchy ( $m_2 > m_1$ ) through the Matter interaction (MSW)**

**- SNO: CC/NC flux defines  $\tan^2 \theta < 1$  (ie Non - Maximal mixing) by more than 5 standard deviations**

**Large mixing  
Angle (LMA)  
Region only**



**LMA for solar  $\nu$  predicts very small spectral distortion, small ( $\sim 3\%$ ) day-night asymmetry, as observed by SNO, SK**

$$\text{Asym}_{\text{salt} + \text{D}_2\text{O}} = 0.037 \pm 0.040$$

**SOLAR PLUS  
KAMLAND (assuming CPT) (Reactor  $\bar{\nu}$ 's)**

# Periodicity in Solar Flux?

SNO data 1999-2003

Unbinned Maximum Likelihood Method compares fit for Sinusoidal variation with Expectation for zero amplitude.

Monte Carlo used to estimate sensitivity shows 35% probability of a larger likelihood ratio ( $S$ ) with zero sinusoidal amplitude than the maximum  $S$  observed in the fits.

**Conclusion: No observed sinusoidal variation at periods from 1 day to 10 years.**

**Analysis sensitive to amplitude of 8-10% at 99% C.L..**

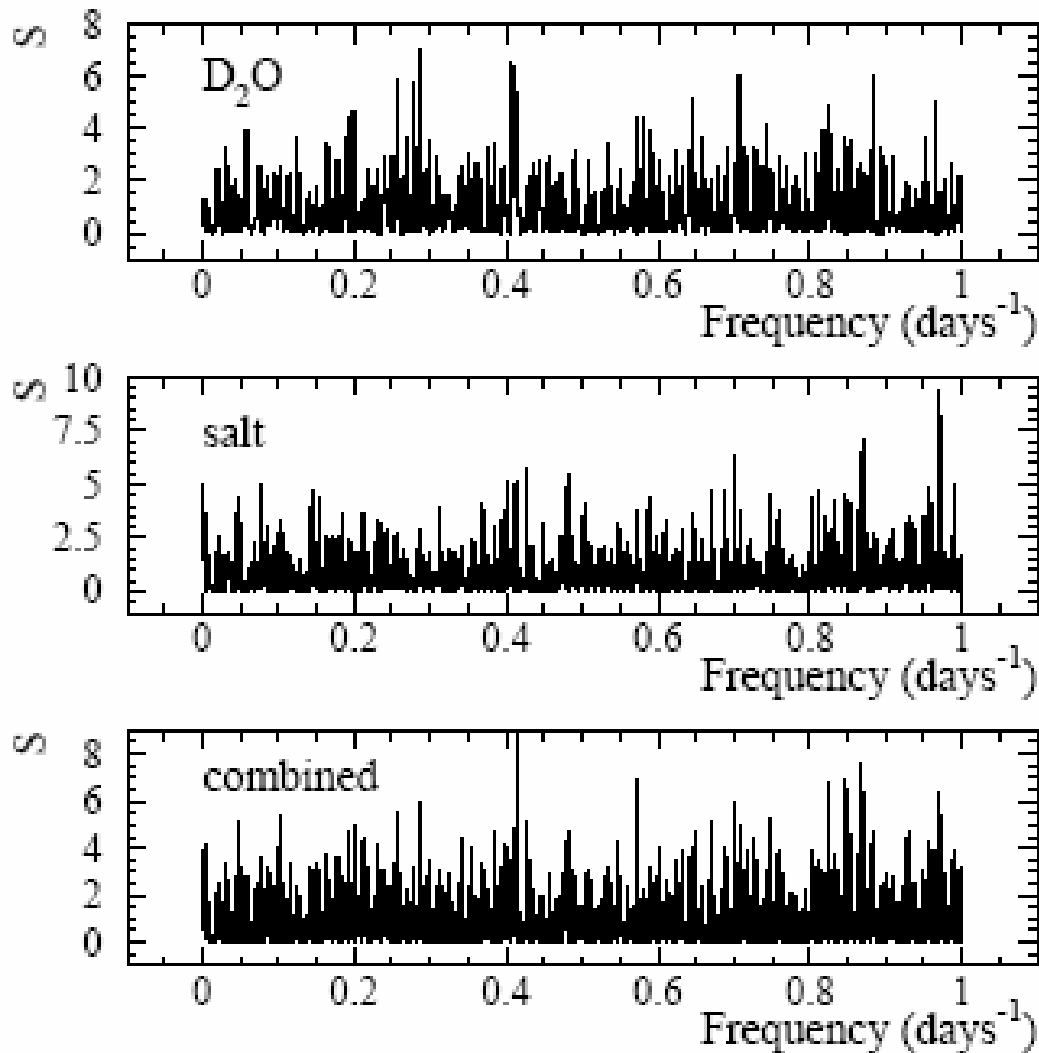
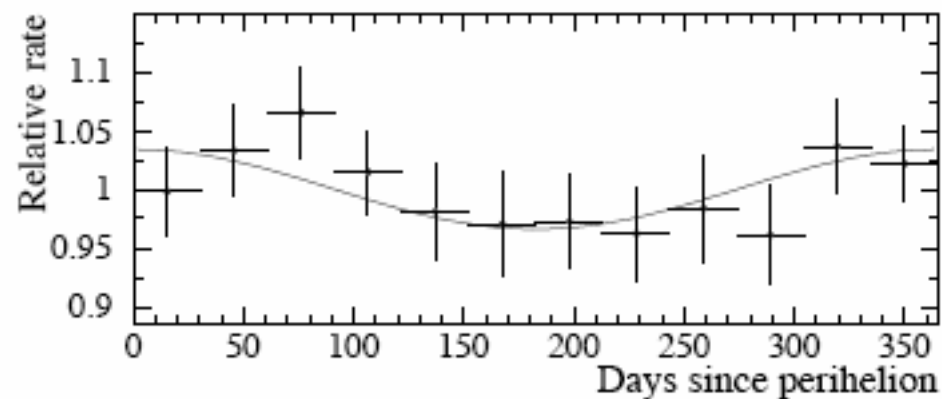


FIG. 2: Likelihood ratio ( $S$ ) as a function of frequency for the unbinned maximum likelihood method for SNO's  $D_2O$ , salt, and combined data sets.

# Orbital Eccentricity

$\epsilon = 0.014(9)$ . Actual: 0.0167



$\epsilon = 0.021(3)$

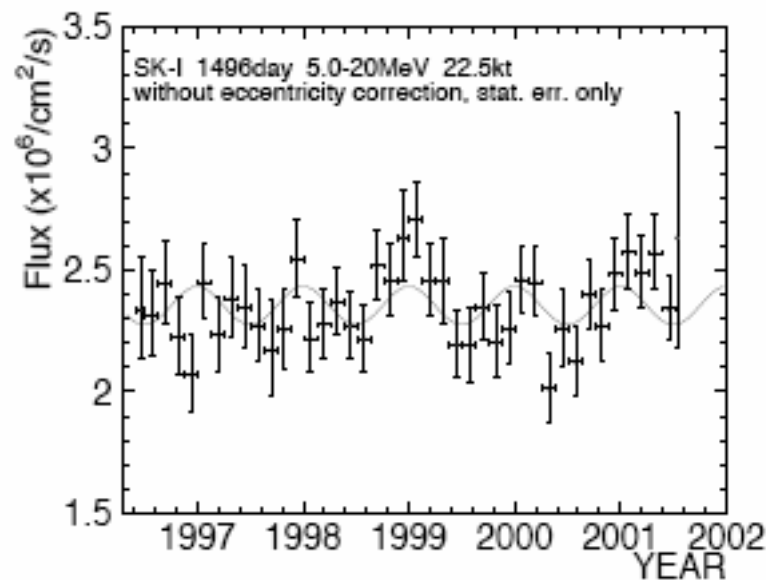
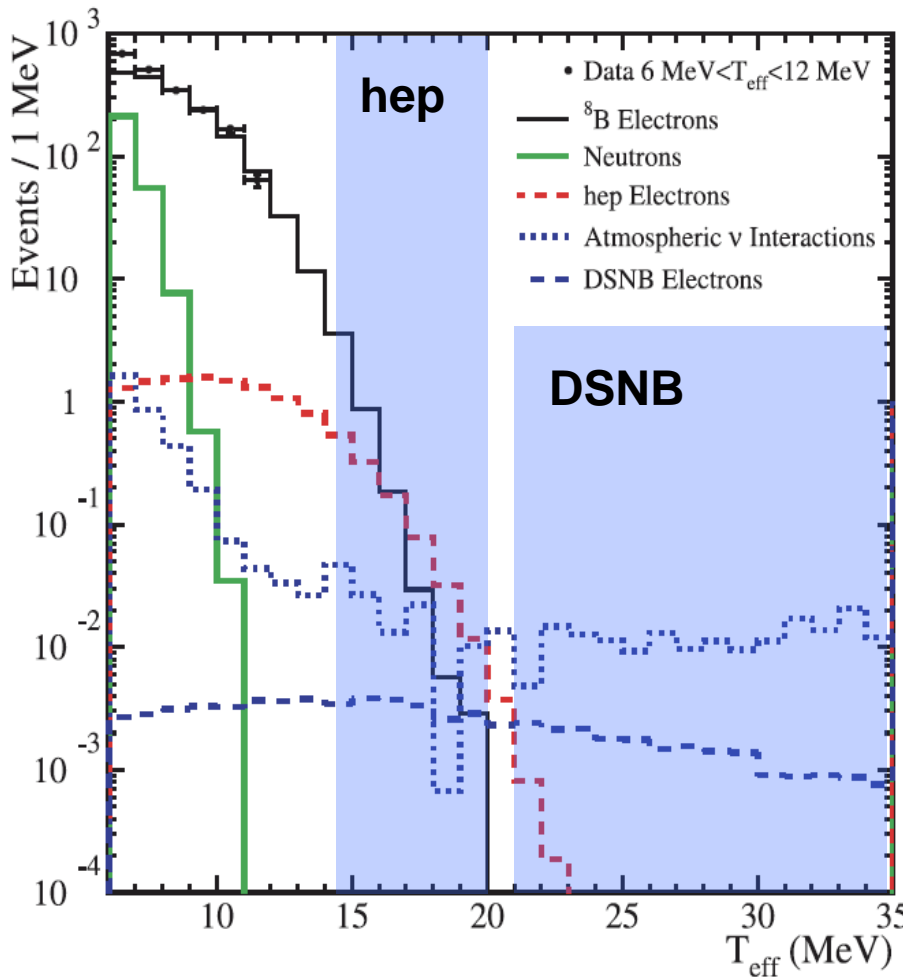


FIG. 42: Solar neutrino flux as a function of time. The binning of the horizontal axis is 1.5 months.

SNO: [hep-ex/0507079](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0507079)

SK: [hep-ex/0508053](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0508053)

# High(er) energy neutrinos: Solar hep & Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (phase I data)



**hep neutrinos** (SSM  $8 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

main background:

$^8\text{B}$  solar neutrinos

(normalize with low-energy (6-12 MeV) fit, taking into account neutrino oscillations)

2 events observed, consistent

with exp. background ( $3.13 \pm 0.60$ )

$\Phi_{\text{hep}} < 2.3 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

**DSNB elect. neutrinos**

main background:

atmospheric neutrinos

No events observed, consistent

with exp. background

( $0.18 \pm 0.04$ )

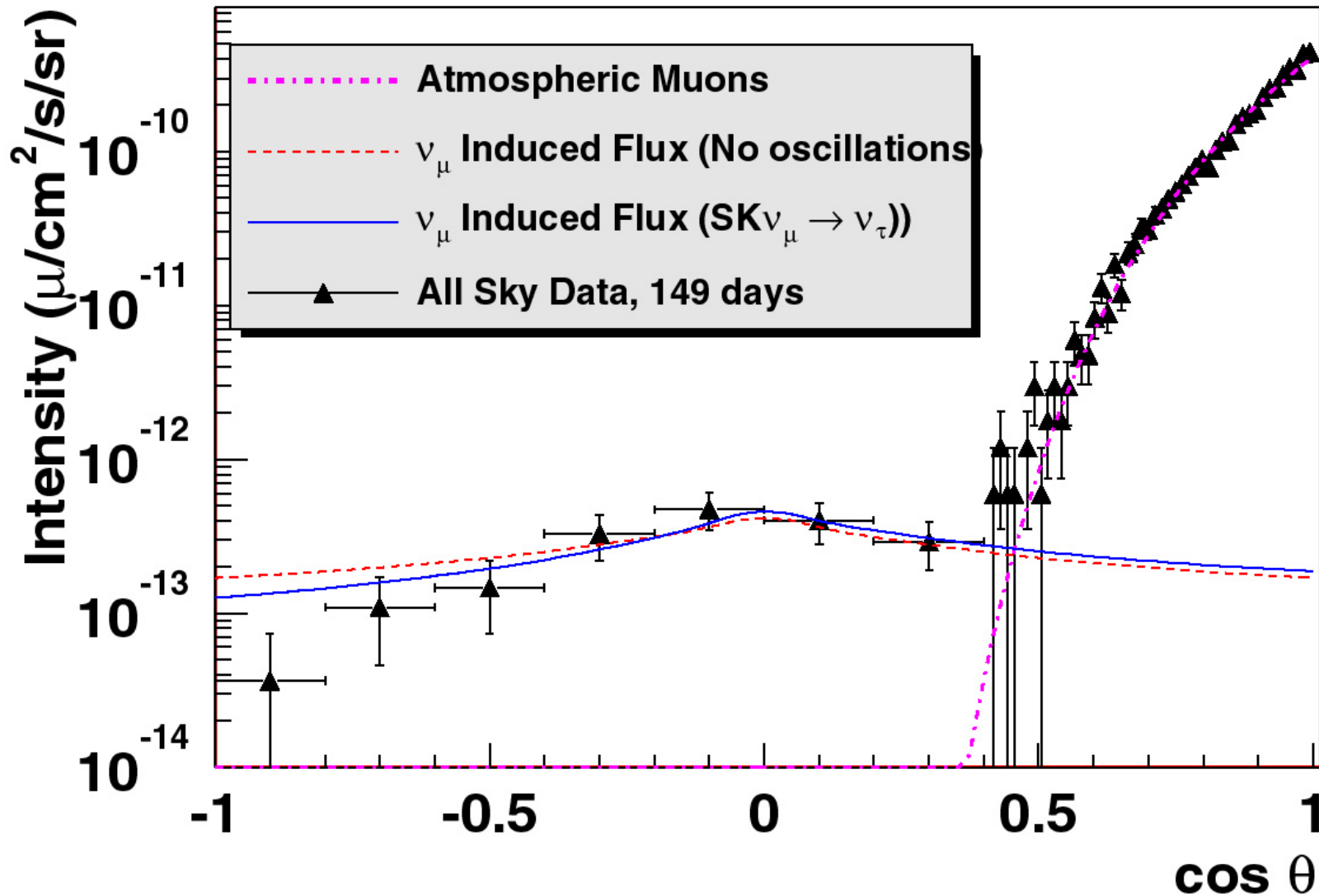
$\Phi_{\text{DSNB}} < 70 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (in E window)

**Astrophys. J. 653, 1545, 2006**

Improves limit on hep by 6.5 and limit on DSNB for electron neutrinos by 100

# SNO Muon & Atmospheric Neutrino Analysis

Through-Going Muon Zenith Angle Distribution (PRELIMINARY)



# Summary of SNO results

- Direct observation ( $7 \sigma$ ) of neutrino flavor change via an appearance measurement:  
Beyond the Standard Model for Elementary Particles.
- Direct measurement (10 % accuracy) of total flux of active neutrinos: Strong confirmation of Solar Models.
- The dominant transformation is to active neutrinos: Sterile neutrino fraction is restricted ( $< \sim 13\%$ ).
- Clear determination ( $5.3 \sigma$ ):  $\theta_{12}$  is non-maximal.
- With other solar measurements: Strong evidence for Matter Enhancement in Sun (MSW - LMA solution).
- With Kamland and CPT: Strong confirmation of neutrino oscillation due to finite mass (MNSP) as the primary physics explanation for appearance and disappearance measurements.

# Present Phase: SNO Phase III

**Neutral-Current Detectors (NCD):**  
An array of  $^3\text{He}$  proportional counters

40 strings on 1-m grid  
~440 m total active length

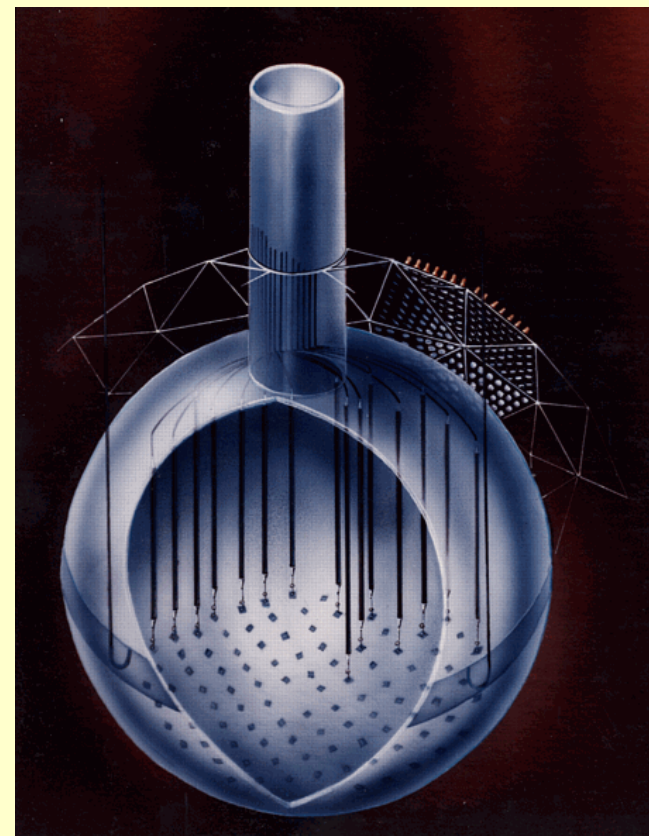
- Search for spectral distortion
- Improve solar neutrino flux by breaking the CC and NC correlation ( $\rho = -0.53$  in Phase II):

**CC:** Cherenkov Signal  $\Rightarrow$  **PMT Array**

**NC:**  $n+^3\text{He}$   $\Rightarrow$  **NCD Array**

- Improvement in  $\theta_{12}$ , as

$$\frac{\phi^{CC}}{\phi^{NC}} \approx \sin^4 \theta_{13} + \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12}$$

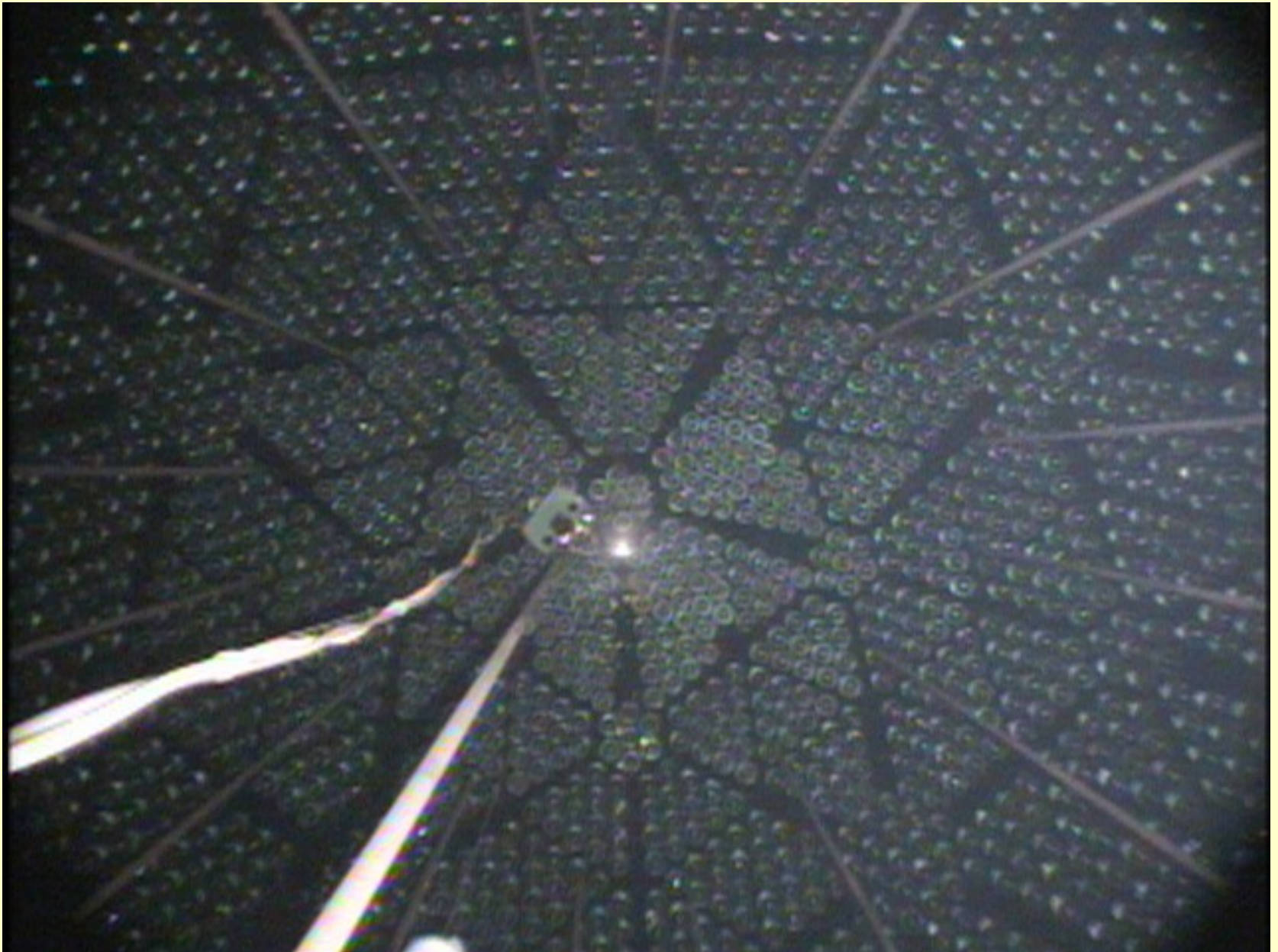


Correlations	D <sub>2</sub> O unconstrained	D <sub>2</sub> O constrained	Salt unconstrained	NCD
NC,CC	-0.950	-0.520	-0.521	~0
CC,ES	-0.208	-0.162	-0.156	~-0.2
ES,NC	-0.297	-0.105	-0.064	~0

Blind  
Analysis

Phase III production data taking Dec 2004 to Dec 2006. D<sub>2</sub>O now removed.

**Neutral Current Detector Array deployed and removed using a remotely operated submarine.**

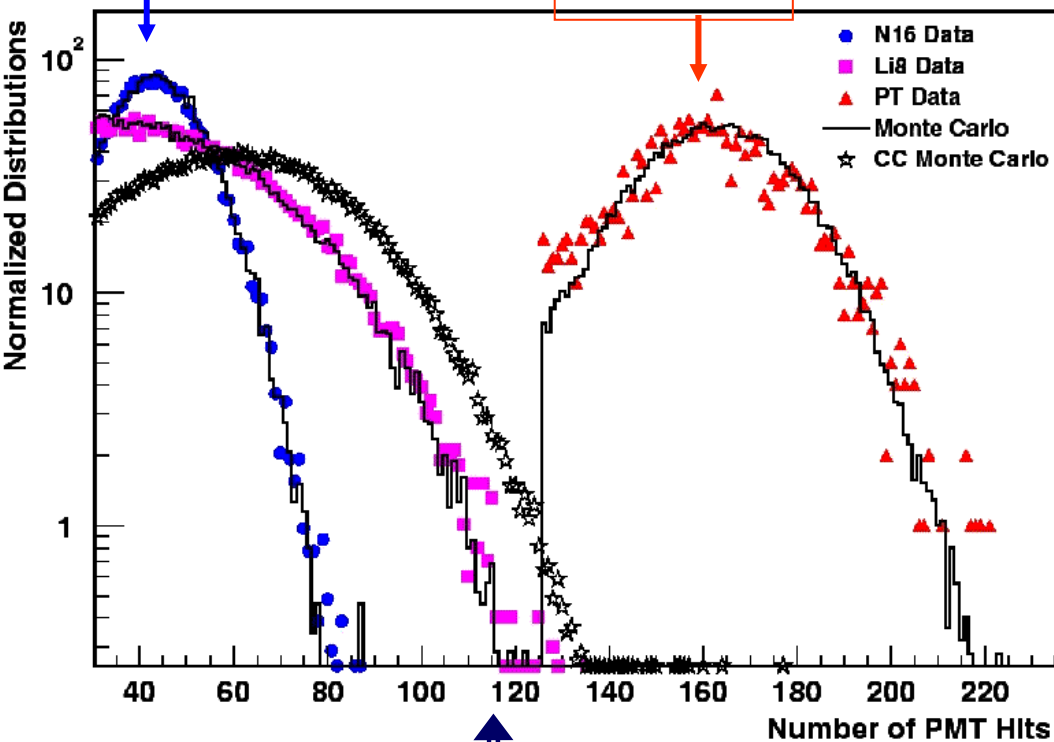




# SNO Energy Calibrations: 25% of running time

6.13 MeV

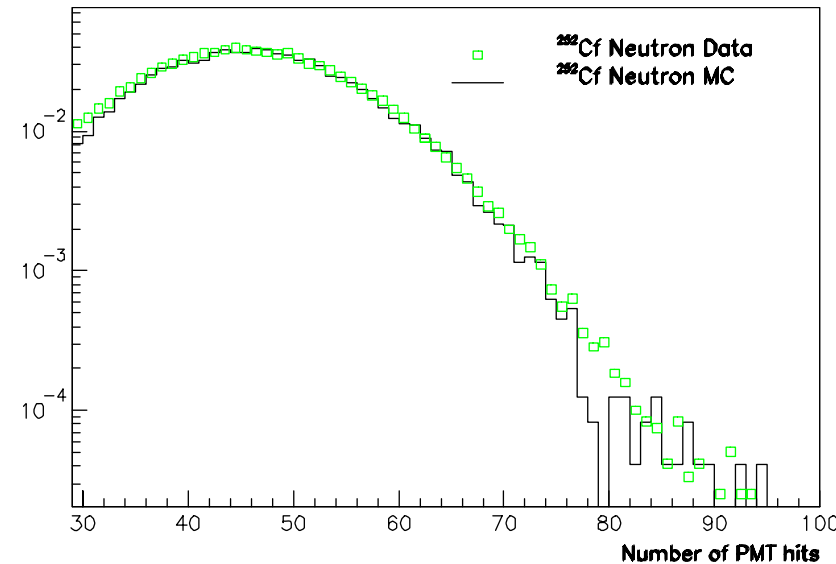
19.8 MeV



Energy calibrated to ~1.5 %  
Throughout detector volume

$^{252}\text{Cf}$  neutrons

+ AmBe,  $^{24}\text{Na}$



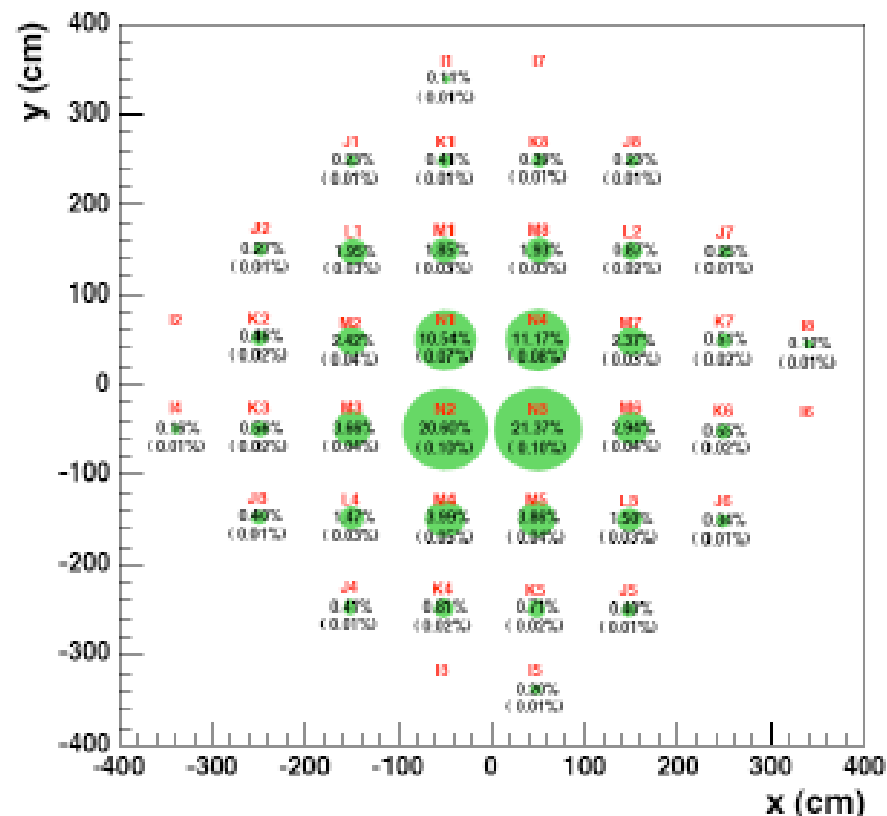
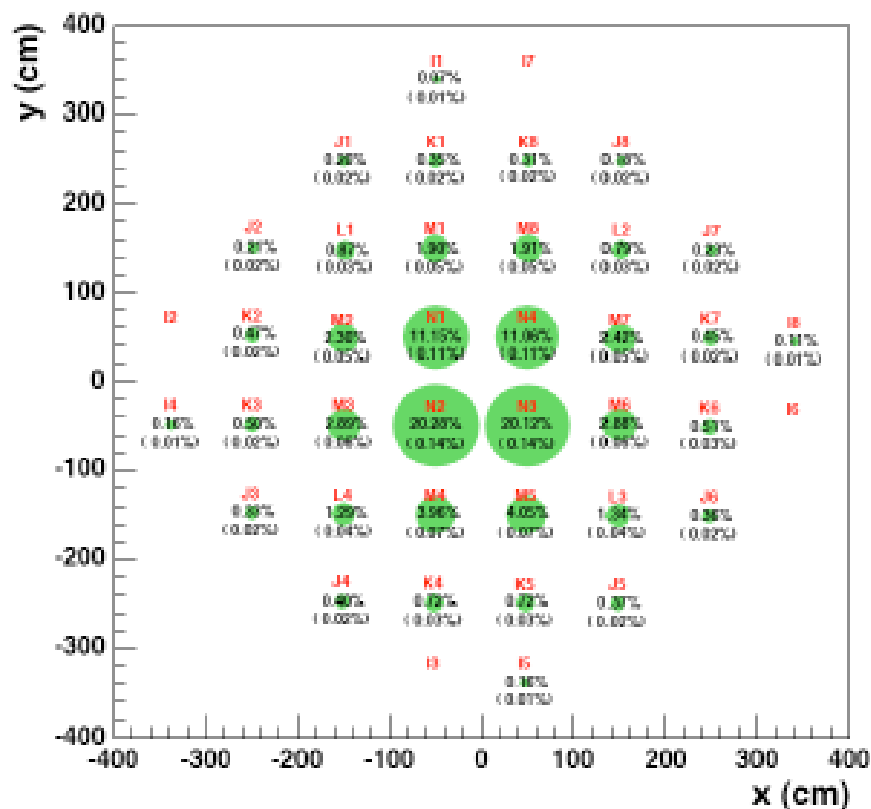
$\beta$ 's from  $^8\text{Li}$   
 $\gamma$ 's from  $^{16}\text{N}$  and  $t(p,\gamma)^4\text{He}$

Optical calibration at 5 wavelengths with the "Laserball"

# Neutron Efficiency



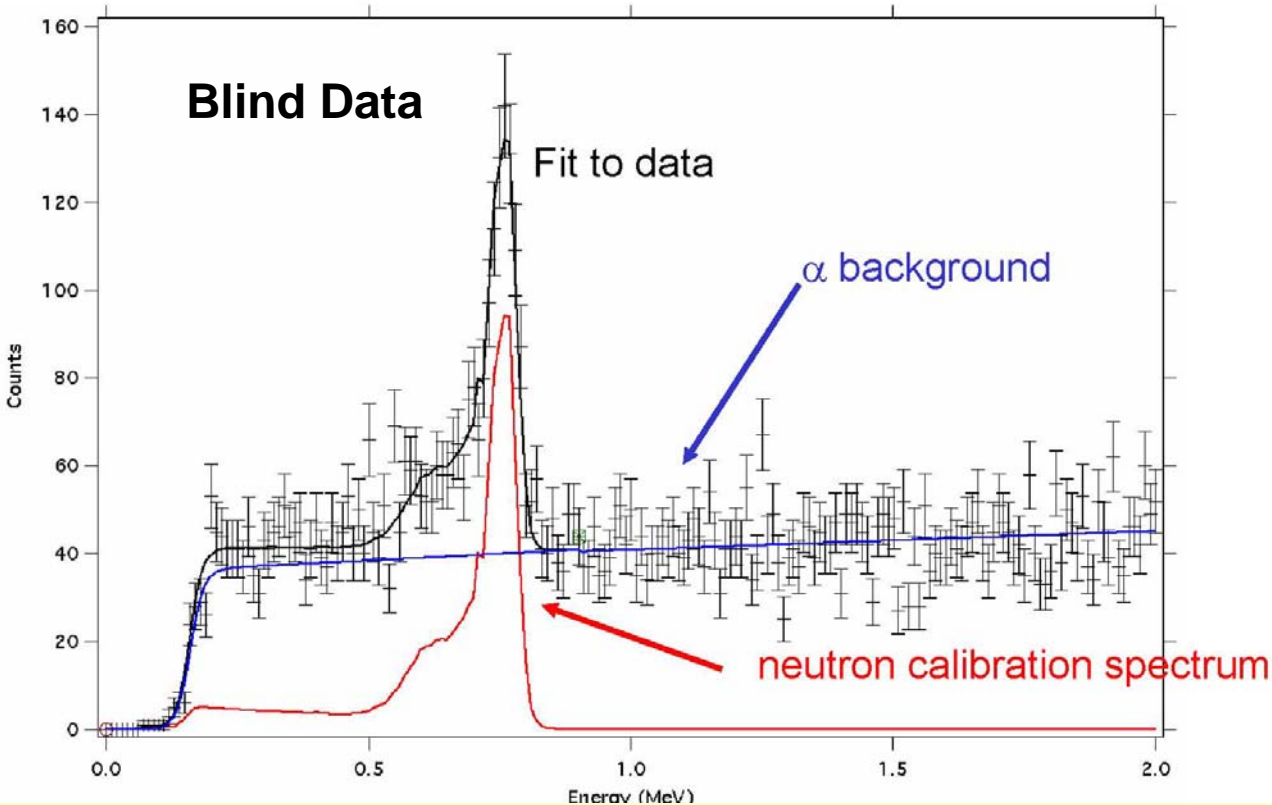
- Comparison of the MC prediction and ADC data (Cf source):



# SNO NCD Signals



Pulse shape analysis to discriminate neutrons and alphas underway



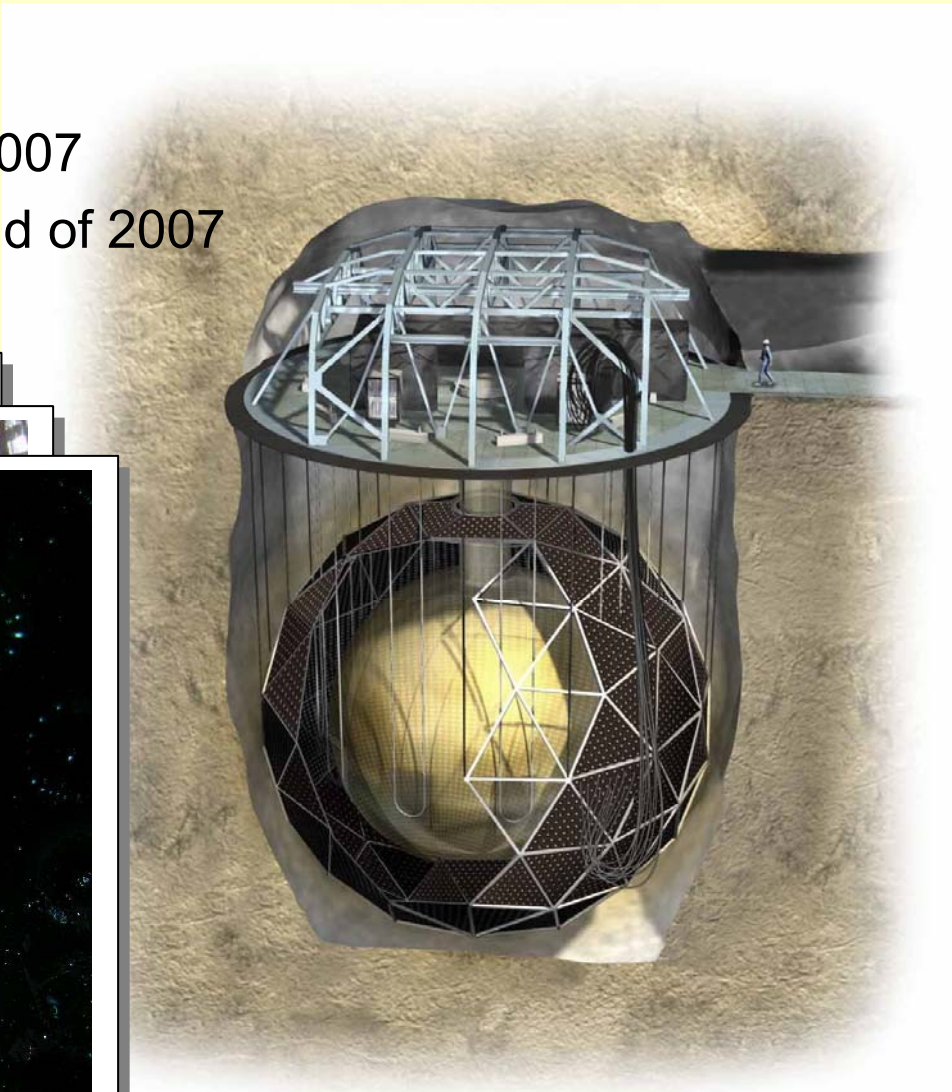
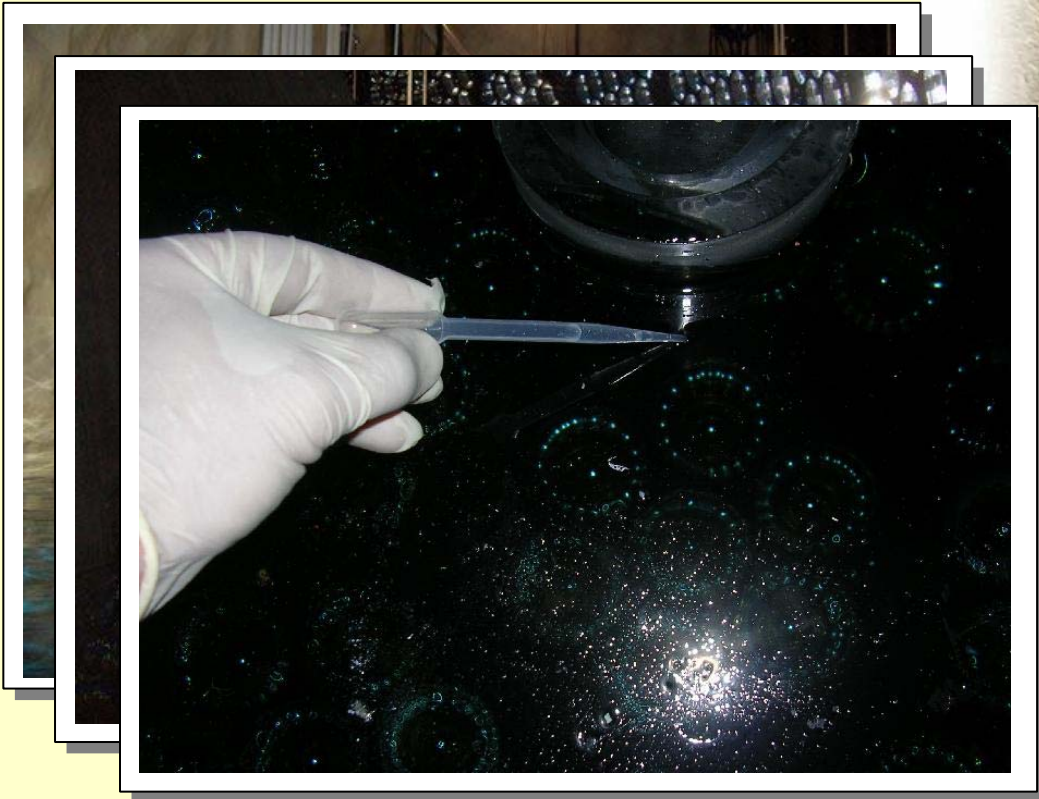
Another analysis is almost complete that combines data from the first two SNO Phases and reduces the threshold by  $\sim 1$  MeV.

This also provides improved accuracy on CC/NC flux ratio and therefore  $\theta_{12}$  mixing matrix element.

Very low Background. About one count per 2 hours in region of interest.  
Can be reduced by a factor of more than 20 by pulse shape discrimination.

# SNO

- Ended data taking 28 Nov 2006
- All heavy water removed by June 2007
- Finish desalination of 20 tonnes; end of 2007



Last drop of heavy water being removed: June 2007

# SNO Physics Program

- **Solar Neutrinos** (5 papers to date)
  - Electron Neutrino Flux
  - Total Neutrino Flux
  - Electron Neutrino Energy Spectrum Distortion
  - Day/Night effects
  - hep neutrinos hep-ex 0607010
  - Periodic variations hep-ex/0507079 [Variations < 8% (1 dy to 10 yrs)]
- **Atmospheric Neutrinos & Muons**
  - Downward going cosmic muon flux
  - Atmospheric neutrinos: wide angular dependence [Look above horizon]
- **Supernova Watch (SNEWS)**
- **Limit for Solar Electron Antineutrinos**  
hep-ex/0407029
- **Nucleon decay ("Invisible" Modes:  $N \rightarrow \nu\nu\nu$ )**  
Phys.Rev.Lett. 92 (2004) [Improve limits by 1000]
- **Supernova Relic Electron Neutrinos** hep-ex 0607010

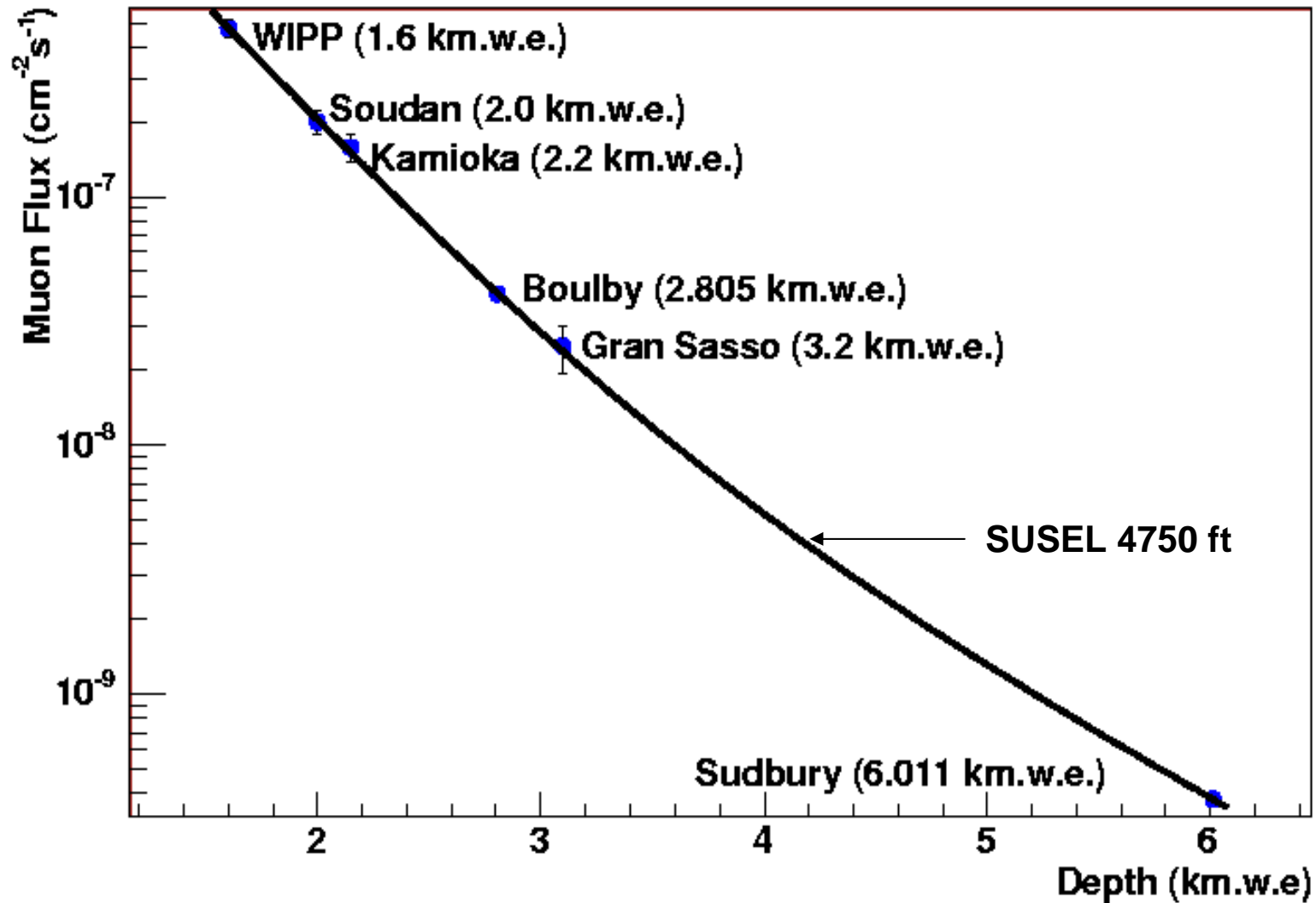
# **New International Underground Science Facility At the Sudbury site: SNOLAB**

- **Underground Laboratory (2 km deep) (\$ 38M): Phase 1 Experiments: 2008**
  - **Surface Laboratory (\$ 10 M) funded: Complete September, 2005**
  - **Cryopit addition underground: Funding recently completed (\$ 15 M)  
Excavation to be completed in 2008**
- Total additional excavated volume in new lab: 3 times SNO volume.**

**To pursue Experiments that benefit from a very deep and clean lab:**

- **Direct Observation of Dark Matter (WIMPS) via nuclear recoil**
- **Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay**
- **Low Energy Solar Neutrinos**
  - **Particle physics and solar physics**
- **Geo – neutrinos**
- **Supernova Neutrinos**
- **Reactor Neutrinos**

# Total Muon Flux vs Depth Relative to Flat Overburden



# SNOLAB (Same depth as SNO: 2 km)

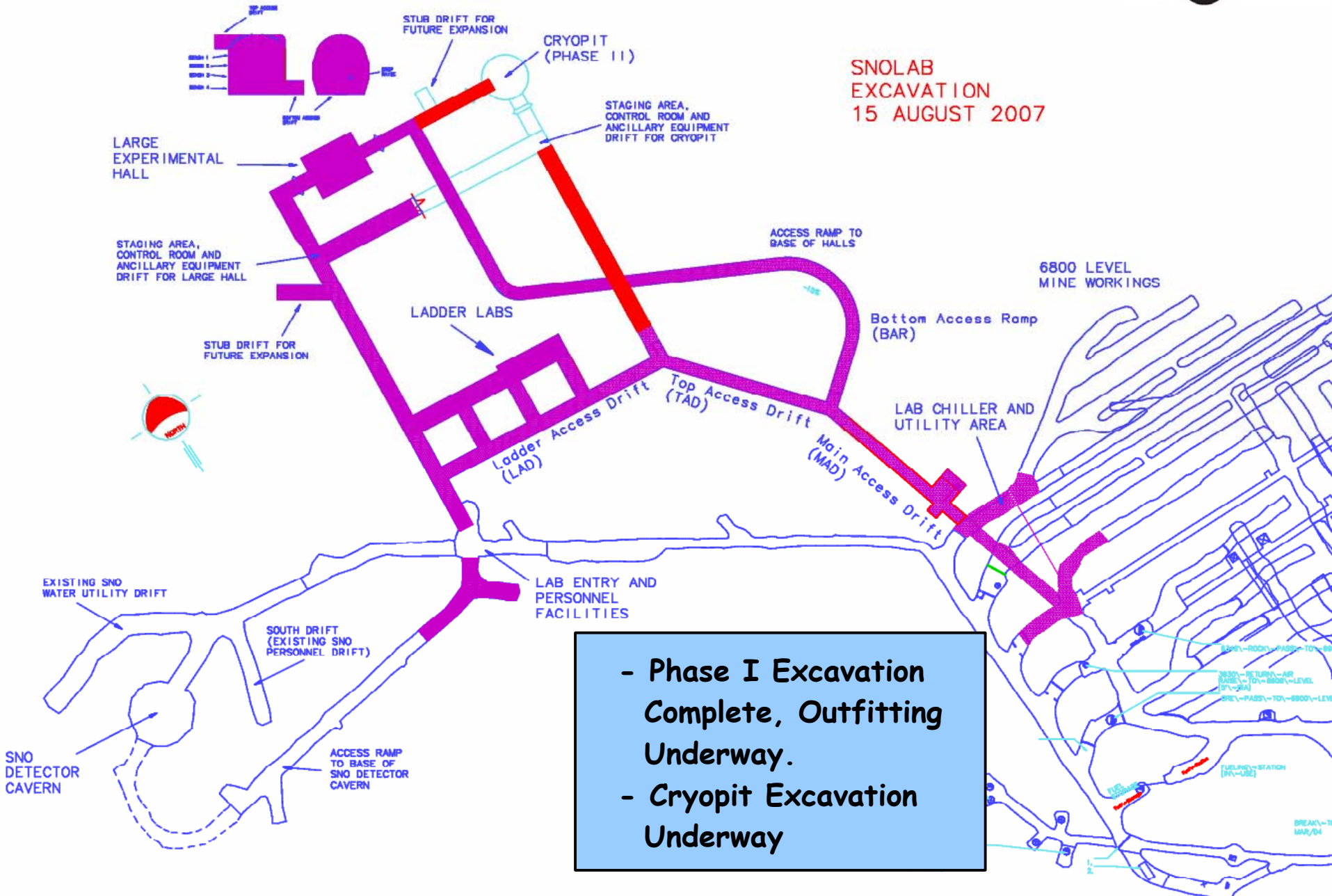




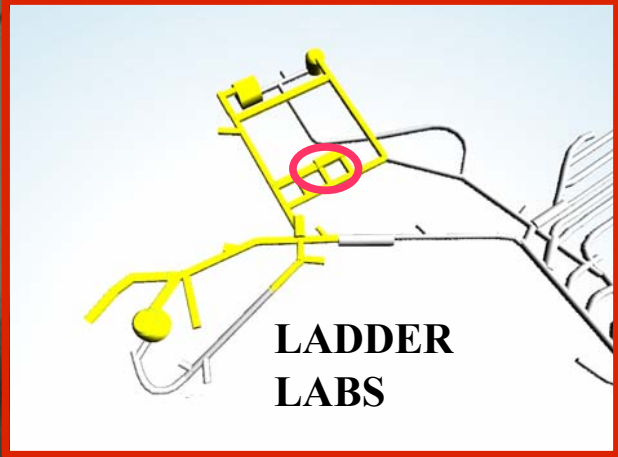
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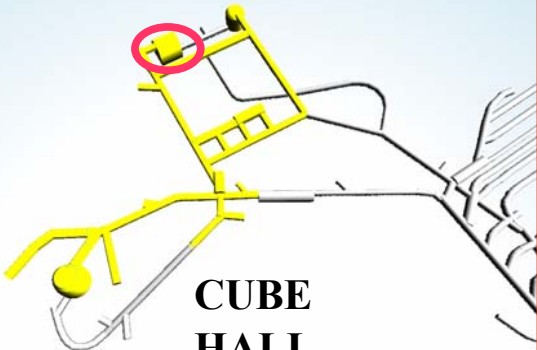
SNOLAB  
EXCAVATION  
15 AUGUST 2007



- Phase I Excavation Complete, Outfitting Underway.
- Cryopit Excavation Underway



**LADDER  
LABS**



**CUBE  
HALL**



## Dark Matter:

Timing of Liquid Argon/Neon Scintillation: **DEAP/CLEAN (1 Tonne)**

Freon Super-saturated Gel: **PICASSO**

Silicon Bolometers: **SUPER-CDMS**

## Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay:

$^{150}\text{Nd}$ : Organo-metallic in liquid scintillator in **SNO+**

$^{76}\text{Ge}$ : **MAJORANA** or next generation **GERDA/MAJORANA (Longer Term)**

$^{136}\text{Xe}$ : **EXO (Gas or Liquid) (Longer Term)**

CdTe: **COBRA (Longer Term)**

## Solar Neutrinos:

Liquid Scintillator: **SNO+** (also Reactor Neutrinos, Geo-neutrinos)

Liquid Ne: **CLEAN (also Dark Matter) (Longer Term)**

## SuperNovae:

**SNO+**: Liquid scintillator; **HALO**: Pb plus SNO  $^3\text{He}$  detectors.

**6 th Workshop and  
Experiment Review Committee  
Aug 22, 23, 2007  
[www.snolab.ca](http://www.snolab.ca)**

# Siting Experiments at SNOLAB

Cube Hall: 1 (or 2) of  
2008: DEAP/CLEAN  
PICASSO-III

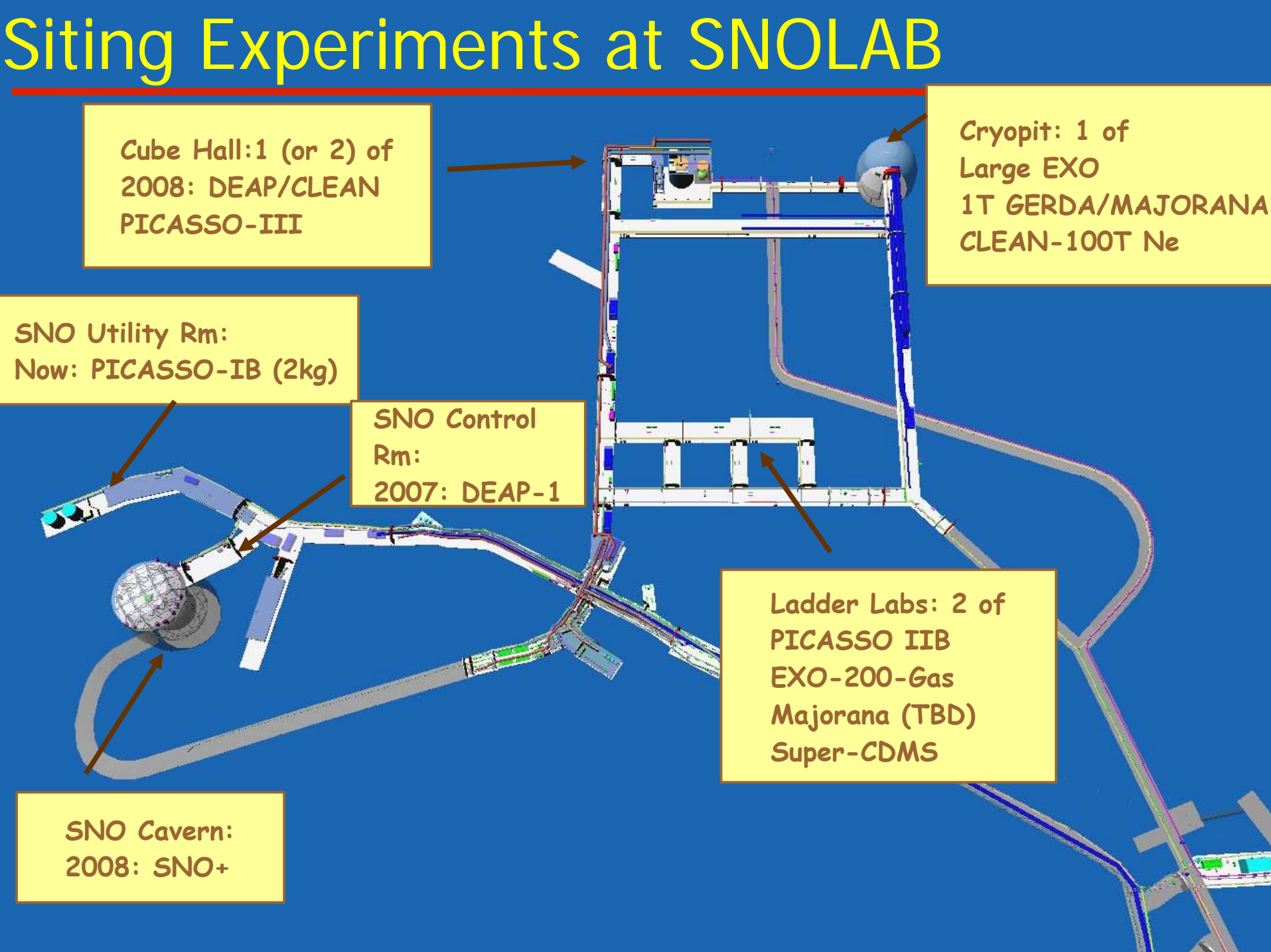
Cryopit: 1 of  
Large EXO  
1T GERDA/MAJORANA  
CLEAN-100T Ne

SNO Utility Rm:  
Now: PICASSO-IB (2kg)

SNO Control  
Rm:  
2007: DEAP-1

Ladder Labs: 2 of  
PICASSO IIB  
EXO-200-Gas  
Majorana (TBD)  
Super-CDMS

SNO Cavern:  
2008: SNO+



# SNO+ Fill SNO with Liquid Scintillator (+ $^{150}\text{Nd}$ )

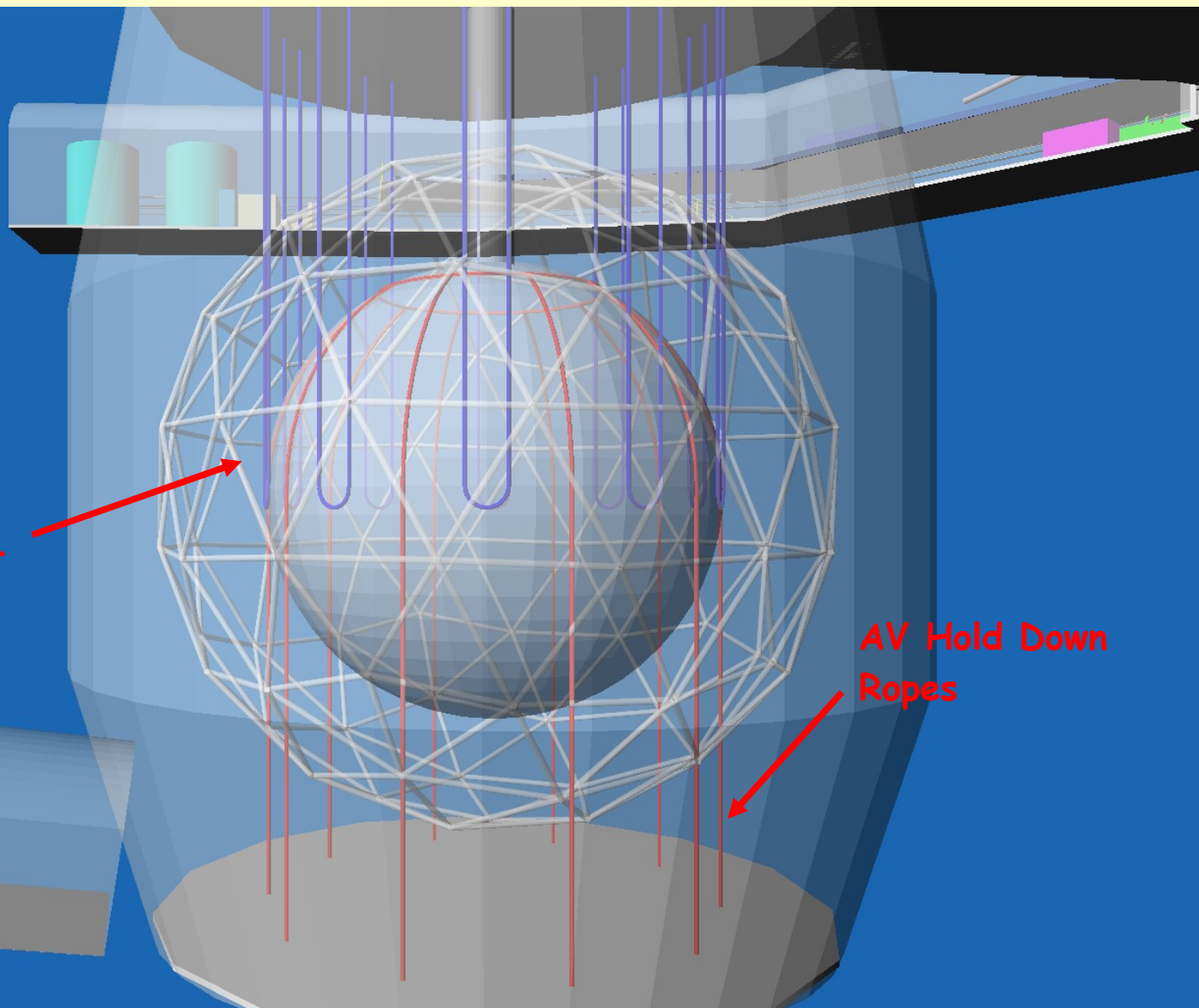


- SNO plus liquid scintillator → physics program
  - double beta decay (e.g.  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ )
  - *pep* and CNO low energy solar neutrinos:
    - *pep* tests the neutrino-matter interaction, sensitive to new physics
  - geo-antineutrinos (higher flux, lower reactor and radioactive background than Kamland)
  - 240 km baseline reactor oscillation confirmation
  - supernova neutrinos
- Technical questions:
  - Solved: Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) Scintillator: high light output, low effects on acrylic
  - Mechanical effects of lower scintillator density: Holddown required for acrylic vessel.
  - Radioactive purity of scintillator. In progress.

# SNO+

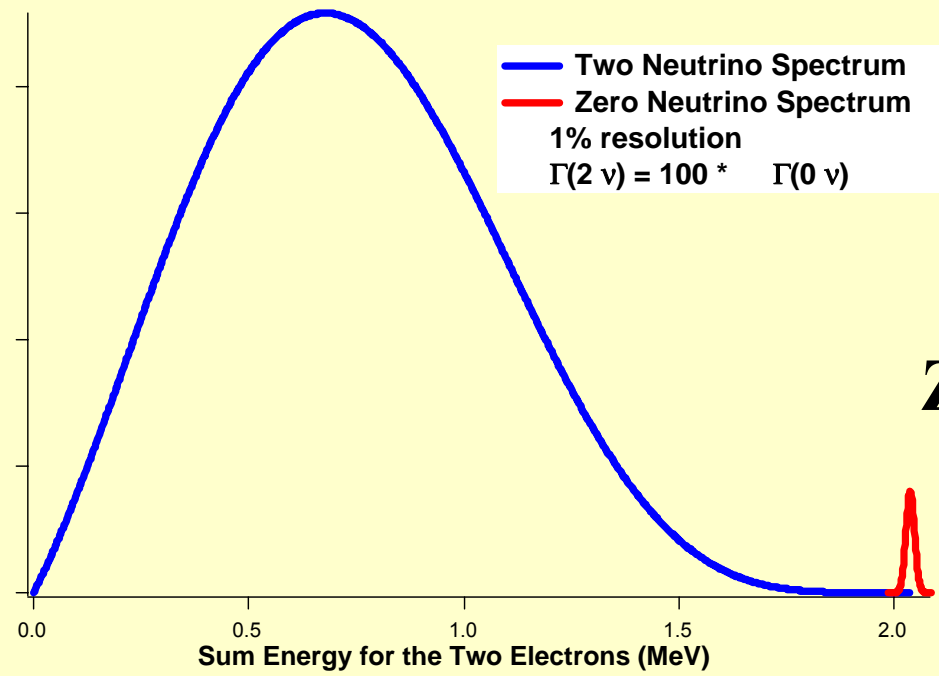
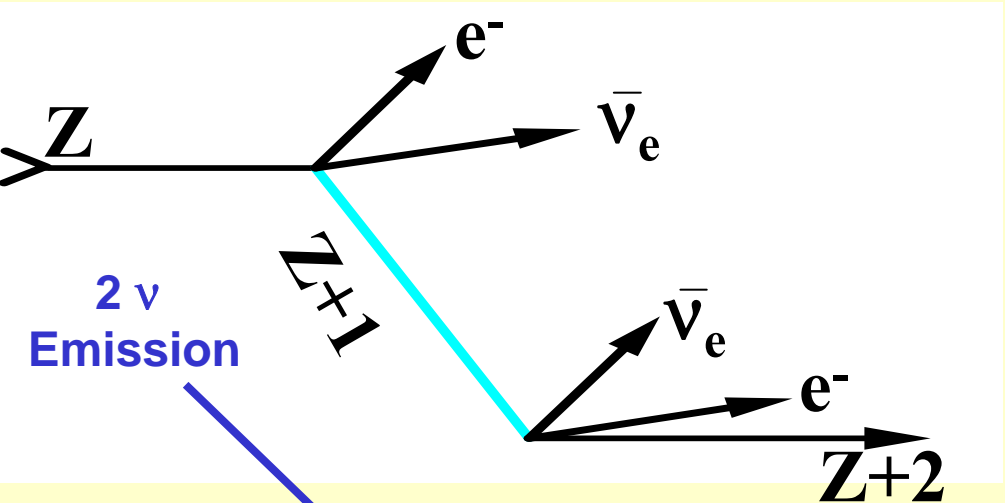
Existing  
AV Support  
Ropes

AV Hold Down  
Ropes

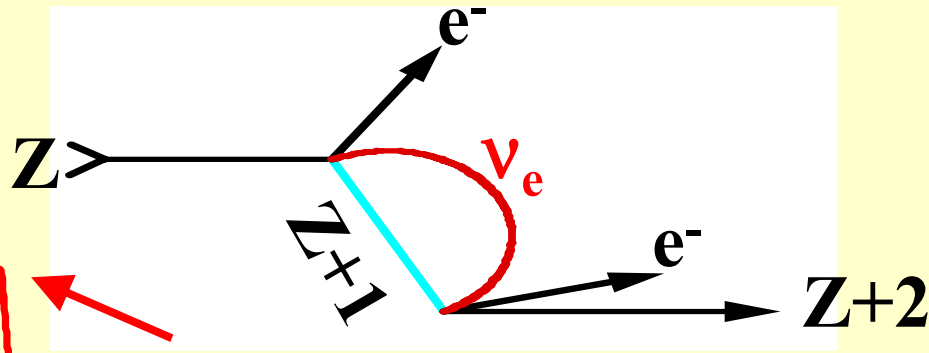


# Neutrinoless Double $\beta$ Decay

- Requires:
- Neutrino = Anti-neutrino (Majorana particles)
  - Finite  $\nu$  mass
  - Lifetimes  $> \sim 10^{26}$  years
- Imply  $\nu$  mass  $< 0.1$  eV



**Summed Electron Energy**



**Neutrinoless**

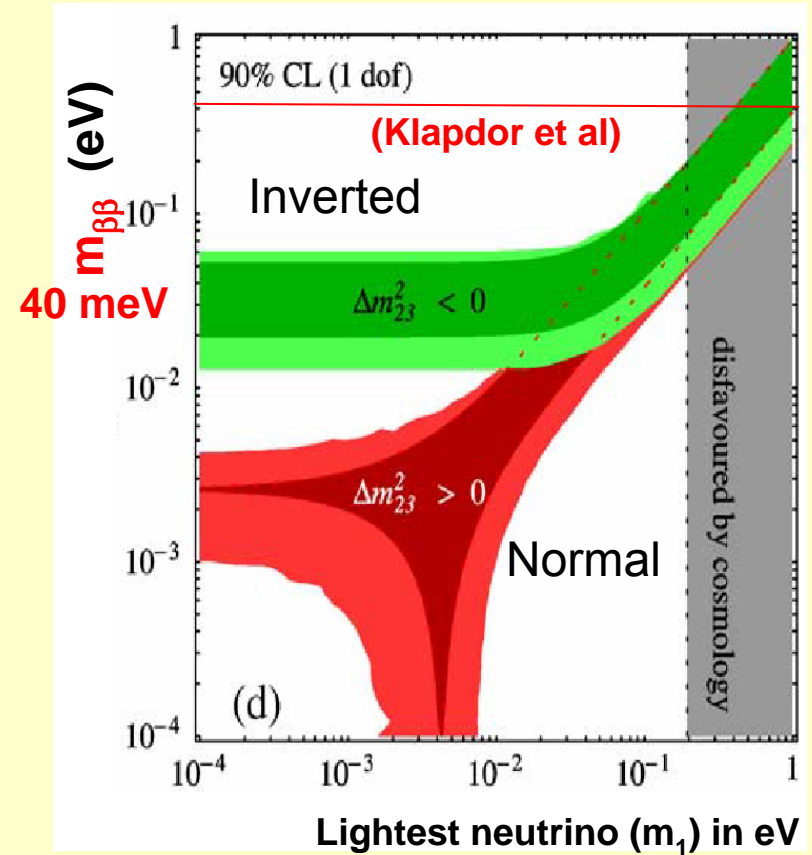
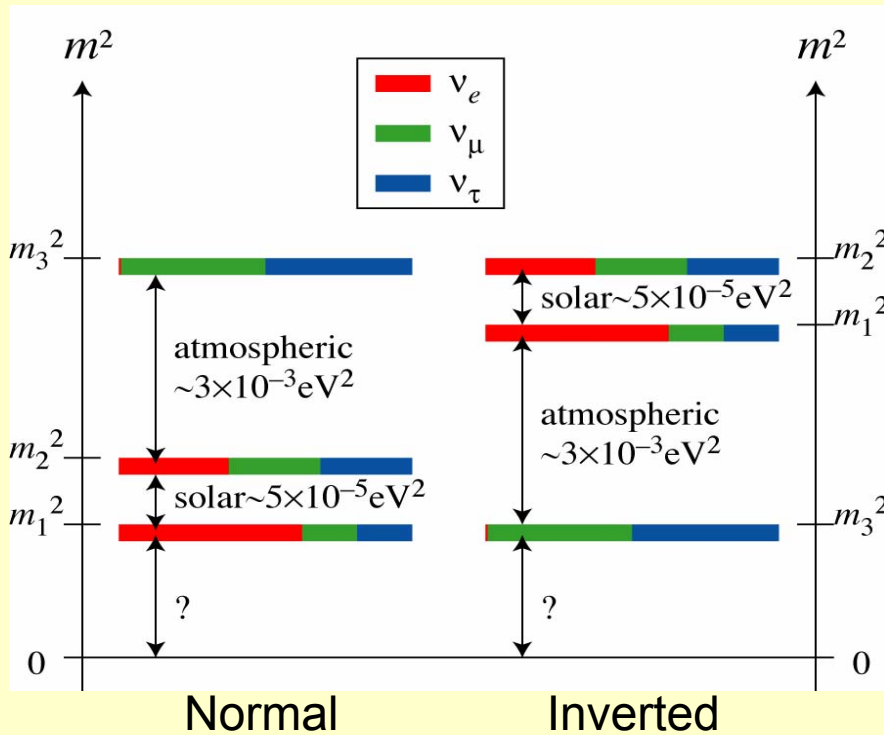


# Measuring Effective Mass

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right|$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| m_1 \cos^2\theta_{13} \cos^2\theta_{12} + m_2 e^{2i\alpha} \cos^2\theta_{13} \sin^2\theta_{12} + m_3 e^{2i\beta} \sin^2\theta_{13} \right|$$

## Mass Hierarchies



Want sensitivity  $\ll \sim 0.15 \text{ eV}$   
 large mass/low background

# SNO+: Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay Candidate



$^{150}\text{Nd}$

table from F. Avignone Neutrino 2004

$$\bar{\eta} \equiv \langle G^{0\nu} | \mathcal{M}^{0\nu} |^2 \rangle \times 10^{13}$$

Isotope	$\bar{\eta}$
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	0.54
→ $^{76}\text{Ge}$	0.73
$^{82}\text{Se}$	1.70
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	10.0
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	1.30
→ $^{130}\text{Te}$	4.20
→ $^{136}\text{Xe}$	0.28
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	57.0

(Within a factor of 2 of recent revised Rodin et al value for Nd)

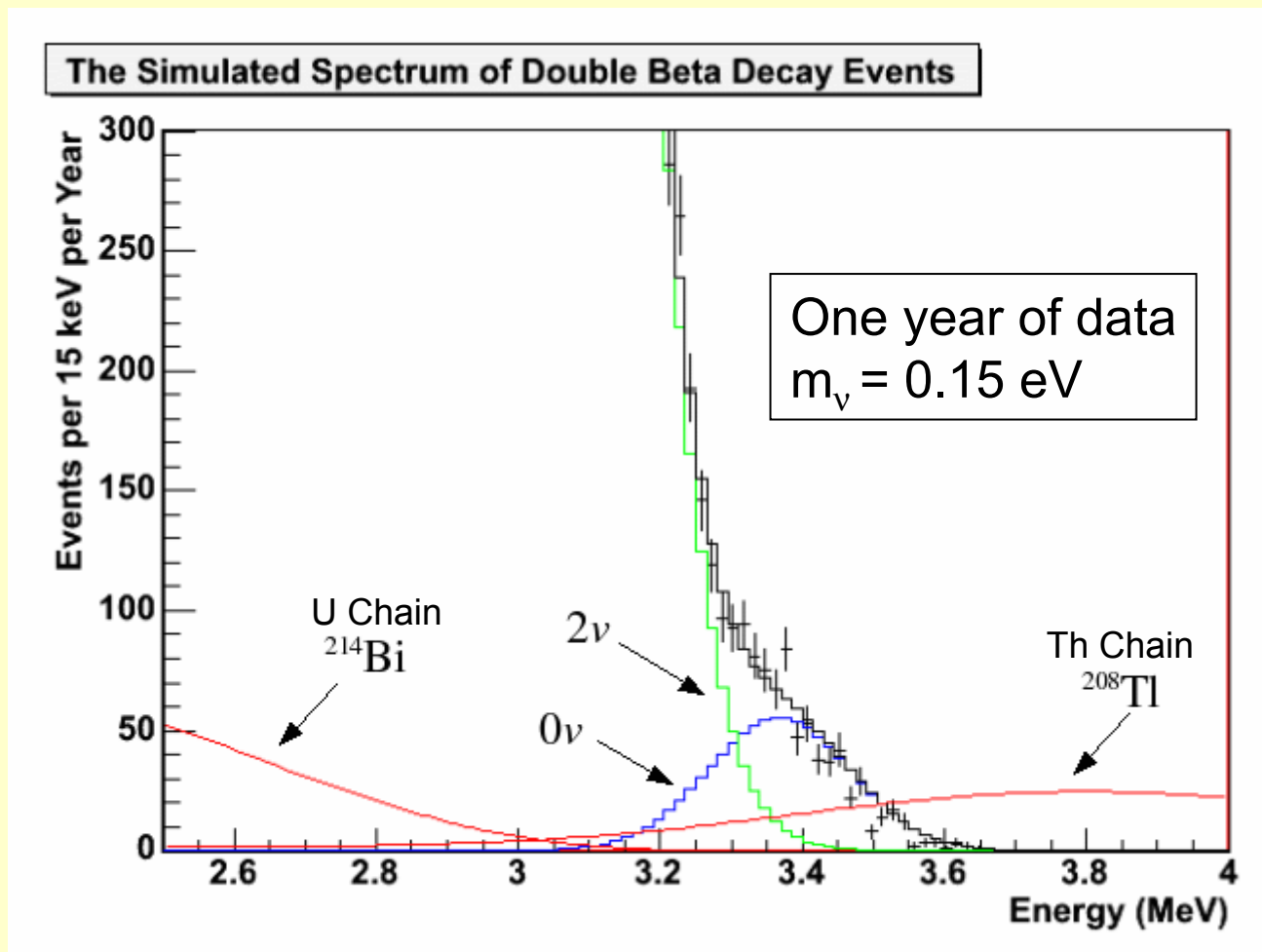
- 3.37 MeV endpoint
- isotopic abundance 5.6% (in SNO+ 0.1% loading=56 kg)
- Nd is one of the most favorable double beta decay candidates with large phase space due to high endpoint.
- Nd metallic-organic compound has been demonstrated to have long attenuation lengths, stable for more than a year.
- 0.1 % of Nd can be added with little degradation of light output.
- Ideal scintillator (Linear Alkyl Benzene) has been identified. More light output than Kamland, Borexino, no effect on acrylic.
- Financial support has been obtained for development of a capital proposal

**GERDA (Ge), CUORE (Te), EXO (Xe), are all in progress at ~ 100 kg, with capability < ~ 150 meV for  $m_\nu$ .**

# SNO+ ( $^{150}\text{Nd}$ Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay)

$0\nu$ : 1057 events per year with 500 kg  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ -loaded liquid scintillator in SNO+.

Simulation assuming light output and background similar to Kamland.



Super-Nemo and SNO+ seek use of Laser Isotope Separation facility in France to enrich 100's of kg of  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  isotope. CEA has agreed to initial study during 07/08

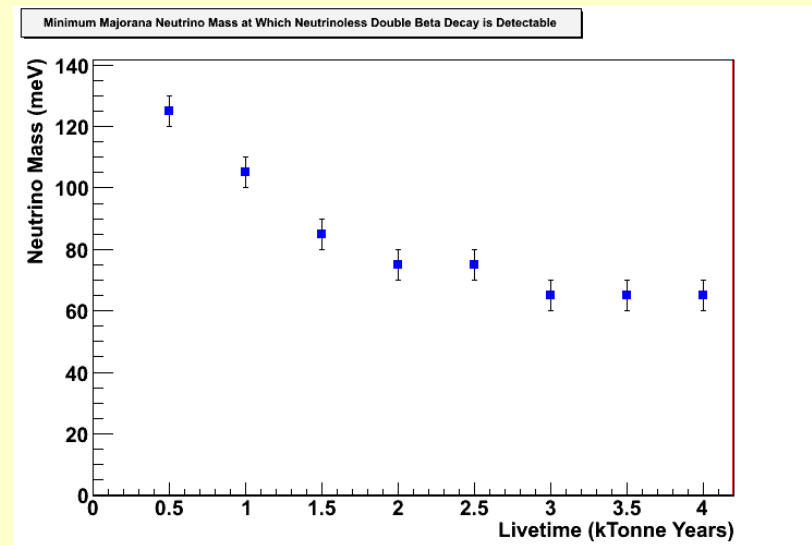
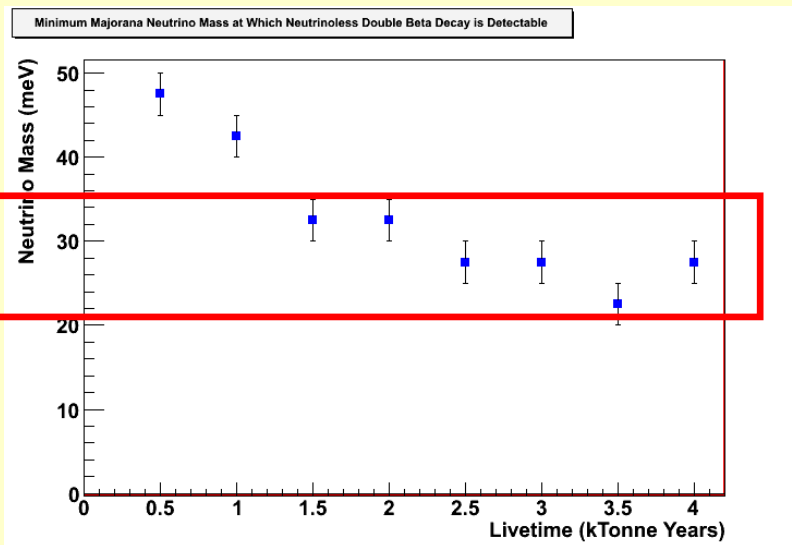


# Neutrino Mass Sensitivity in SNO+

500 kg isotope

corresponds to 0.1% natural Nd LS  
in SNO+

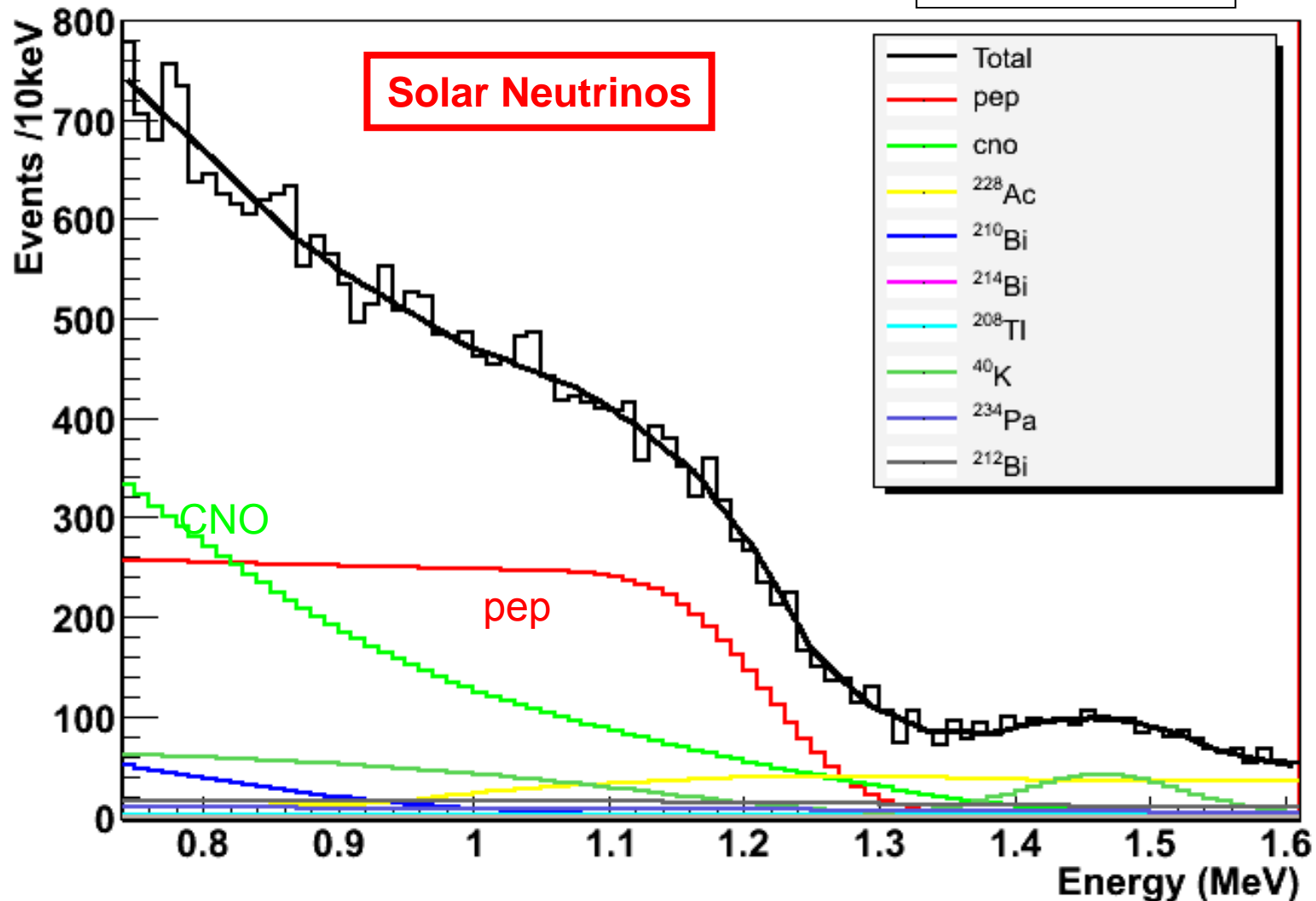
56 kg isotope



- 3 sigma detection on at least 5 out of 10 fake data sets
- $2\nu/0\nu$  decay rates are from Elliott & Vogel, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 52, 115 (2002)

# Simulated SNO+ Energy Spectrum

3 Years of Data



Backgrounds assumed at Kamland observed values plus their purification objectives for  $^{210}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{40}\text{K}$ . Negligible background from  $^{11}\text{C}$  at SNOLAB depth.

# Survival Probability Rise

SSM pep flux:

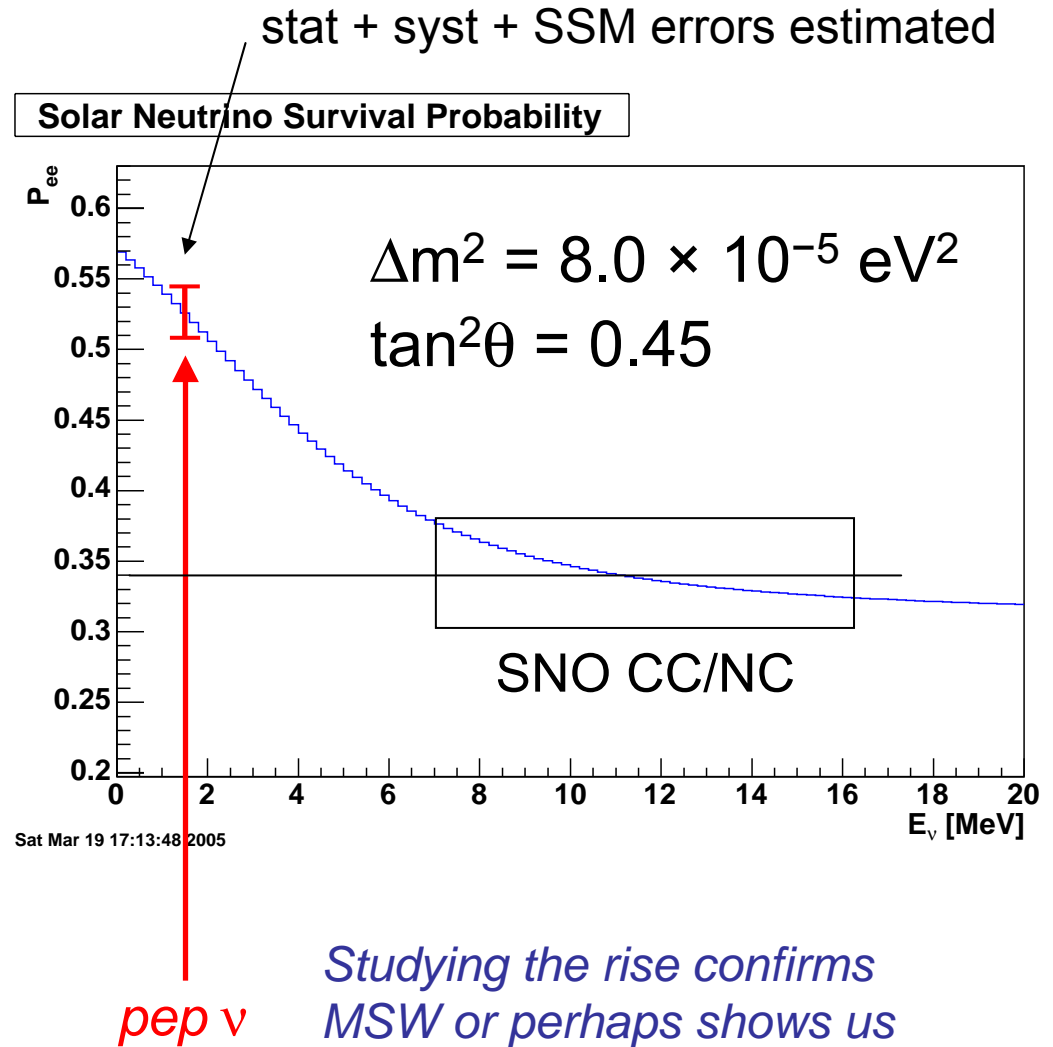
uncertainty  $\pm 1.5\%$

known source  $\rightarrow$  precision test

improves precision on  $\theta_{12}$

sensitive to new physics:

- non-standard interactions
- solar density perturbations
- mass-varying neutrinos
- CPT violation
- large  $\theta_{13}$
- sterile neutrino admixture



*Studying the rise confirms  
MSW or perhaps shows us  
new physics*

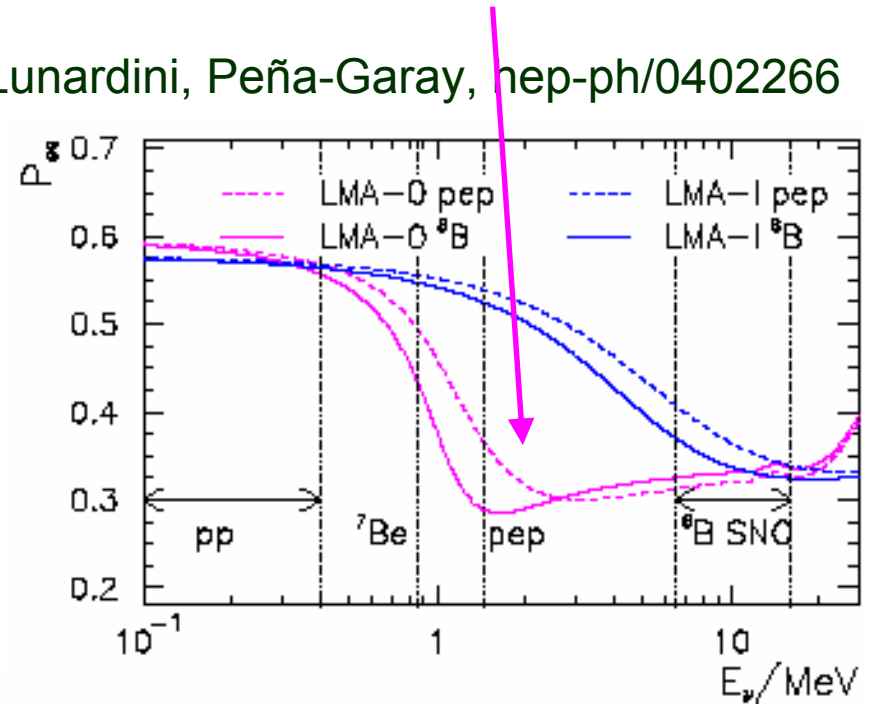
# New Physics

$$L^{NSI} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F(\bar{\nu}_\alpha\gamma_\rho\nu_\beta)(\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f\tilde{f}L}\bar{f}_L\gamma^\rho\tilde{f}_L + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f\tilde{f}R}\bar{f}_R\gamma^\rho\tilde{f}_R) + h.c. \quad \text{NC non-standard Lagrangian (1)}$$

Friedland, Lunardini, Peña-Garay, hep-ph/0402266

- non-standard interactions
- MSW is linear in  $G_F$  and limits from  $\nu$ -scattering experiments  $\propto g^2$  aren't that restrictive
- mass-varying neutrinos

$$\begin{array}{c} \sim = \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} -\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta + \sqrt{2}G_F N_e & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta \\ \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

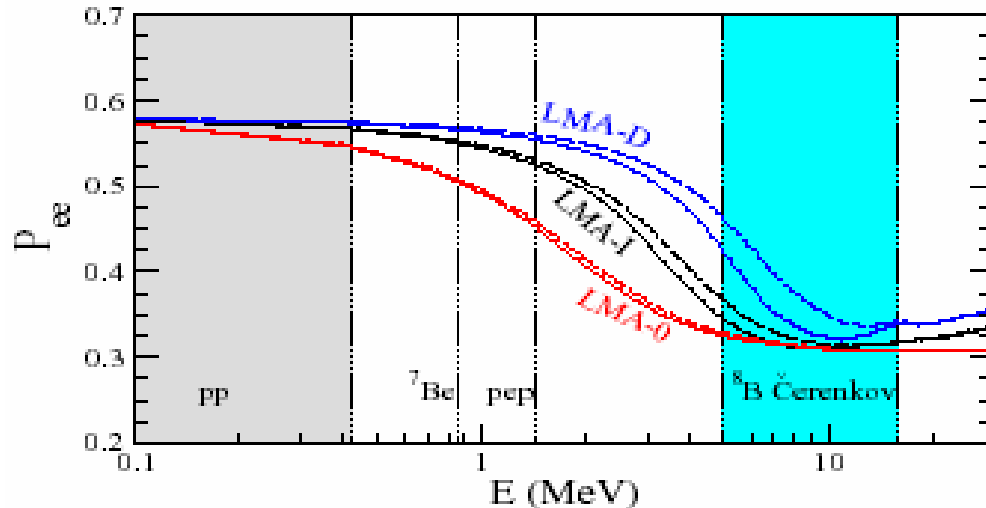


pep solar neutrinos are at the “sweet spot” to test for new physics

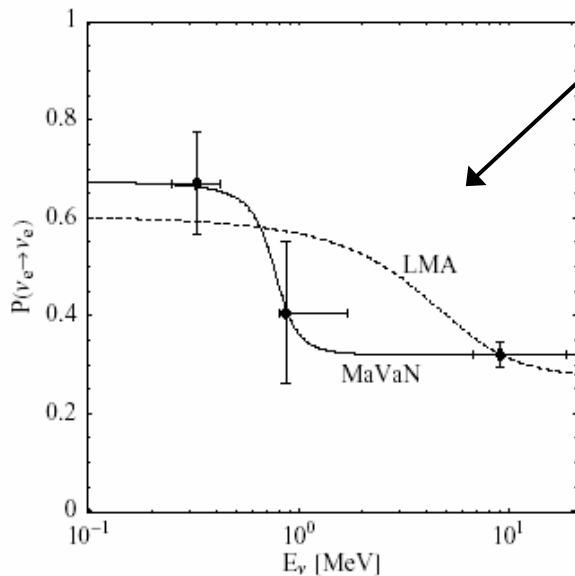
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Miranda, Tórtola, Valle, hep-ph/0406280



Sterile Neutrinos:  
de Holanda and Smirnov hep-ph/0307266

Barger, Huber, Marfatia, hep-ph/0502196



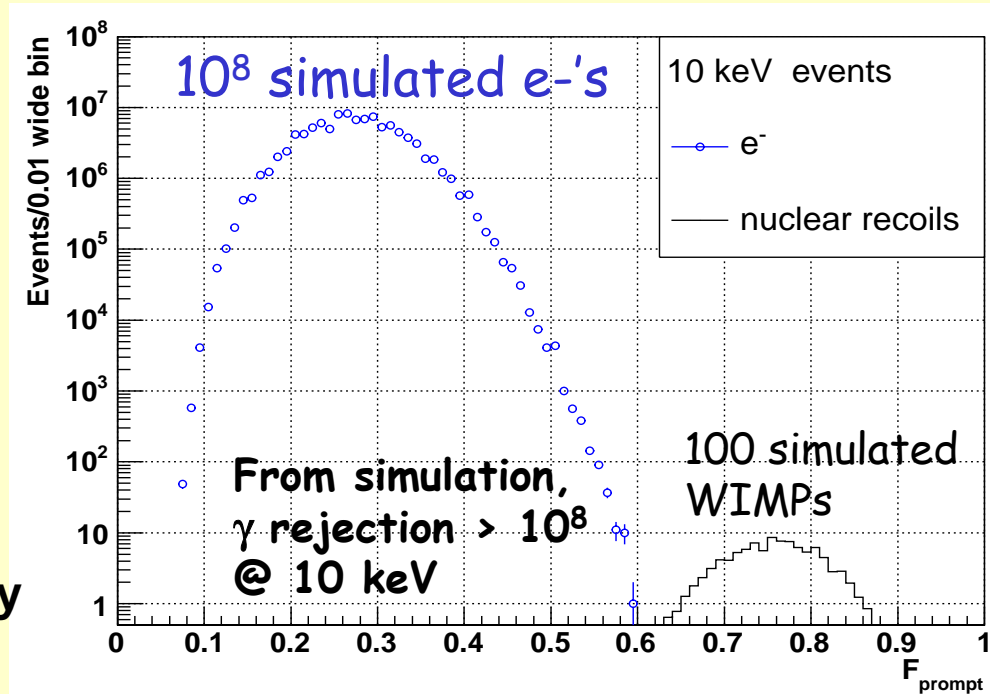
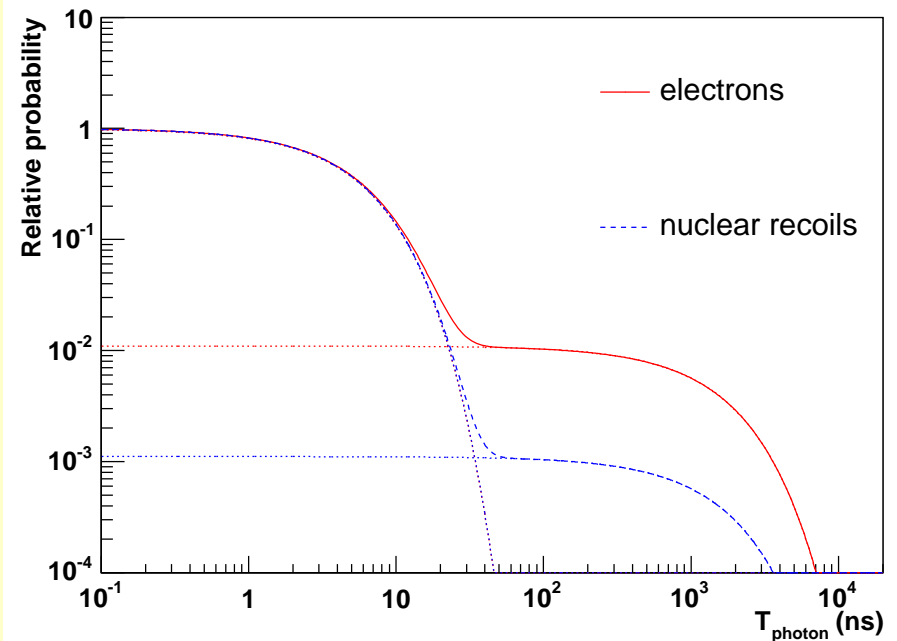
# DARK MATTER

## DEAP/CLEAN: 1 Tonne Fiducial Liquid Argon

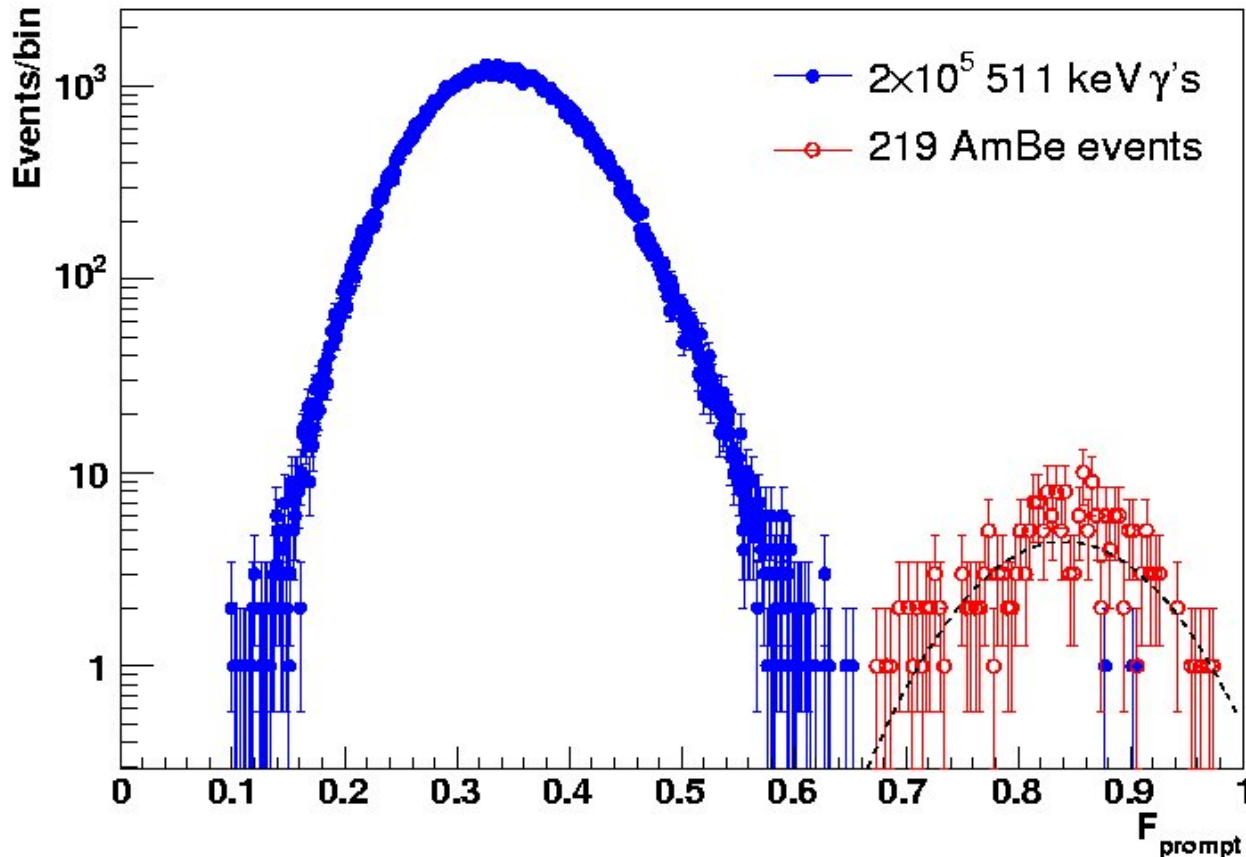
- Scintillation time spectrum for Ar enables WIMP recoils to be separated from gammas from  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  background.

- Simulation indicates that  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  and other gamma-beta backgrounds can be discriminated from WIMPS using only scintillation light for up to 1 tonne fiducial Volume of liquid argon.

- DEAP and CLEAN collaborations have come together to build this new detector with a simple and easily scaled technology at SNOLAB.



# Discrimination in liquid argon from DEAP-0 (<1 kg)

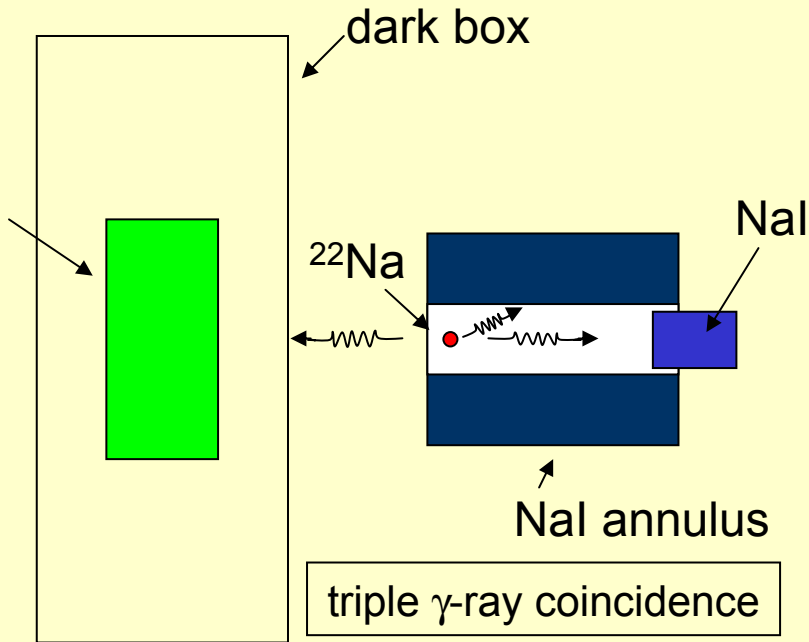


$O(1 \text{ in } 10^5)$   
consistent with  
background  
neutrons in  
surface lab.

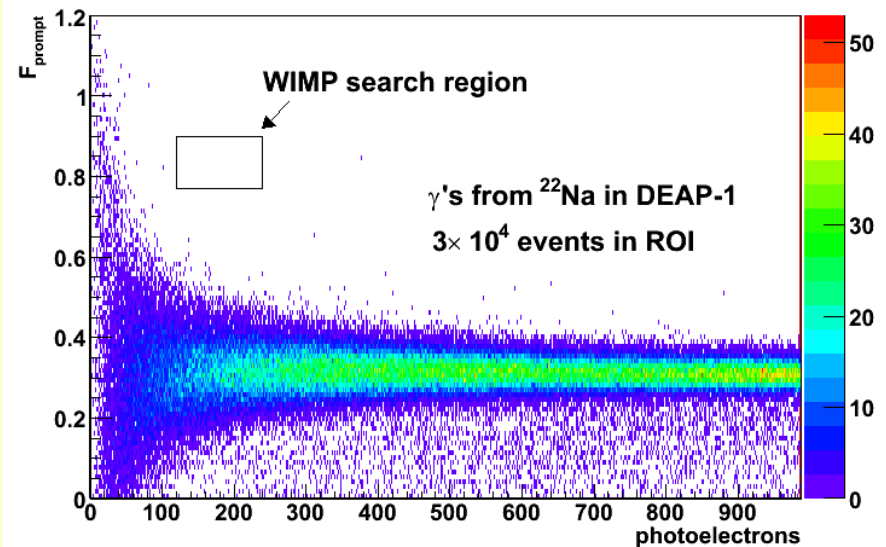
**DEAP-1 (7 kg)**  
**Is in operation**  
**on surface.**  
**Discrimination**  
 **$3 \times 10^6$  so far.**  
**To SNOLAB**  
**in fall 2007.**

**Will test**  
**Discrimination**  
**to  $10^9$**

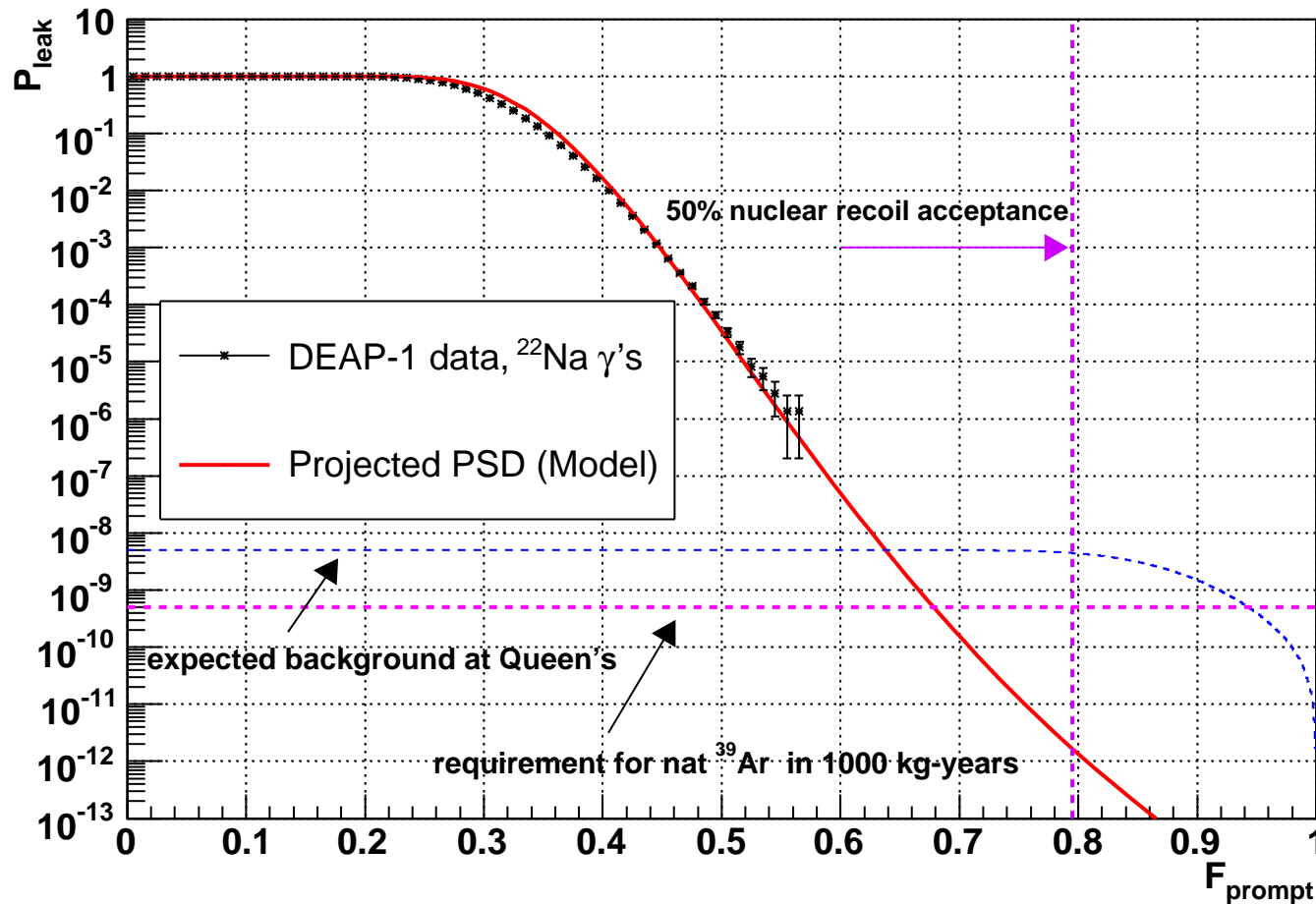
# DEAP-1 pulse shape discrimination (surface runs at Queen's)



Status: running with full shielding  
(8 tonnes  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + poly) on  
surface, background  $< 10$  mHz



# DEAP-1 pulse shape statistics for 511 keV gammas (surface runs at Queen's)



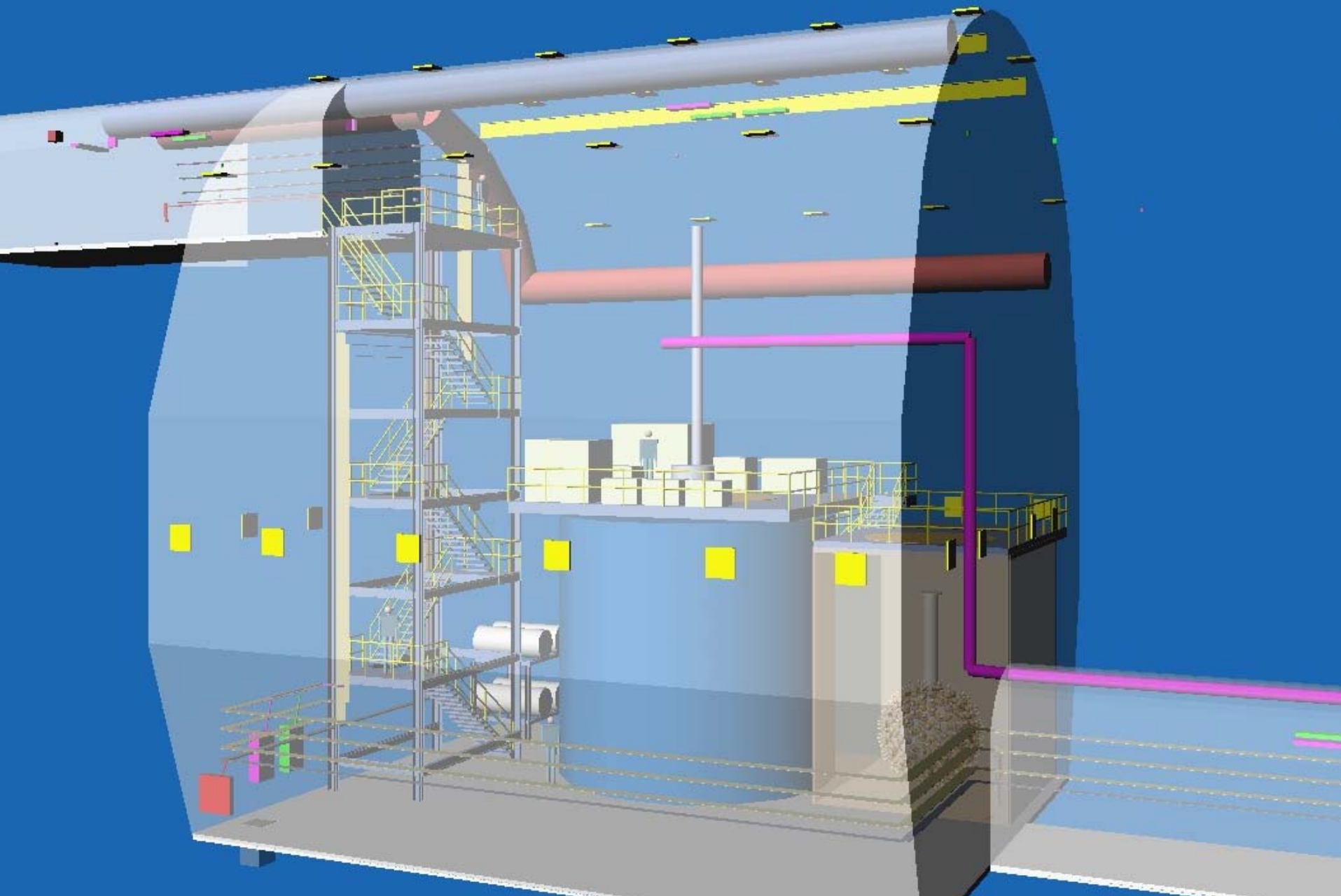
PSD agrees with statistical model over the six orders of magnitude it has currently been tested.

Projected to be sufficient for background reduction needed for DM search.

Will run DEAP-1 on surface until background limited (projected  $<10^{-8}$  with  $\sim 15$  live days of calibration data) then move to SNOLAB for further PSD studies and DM search.

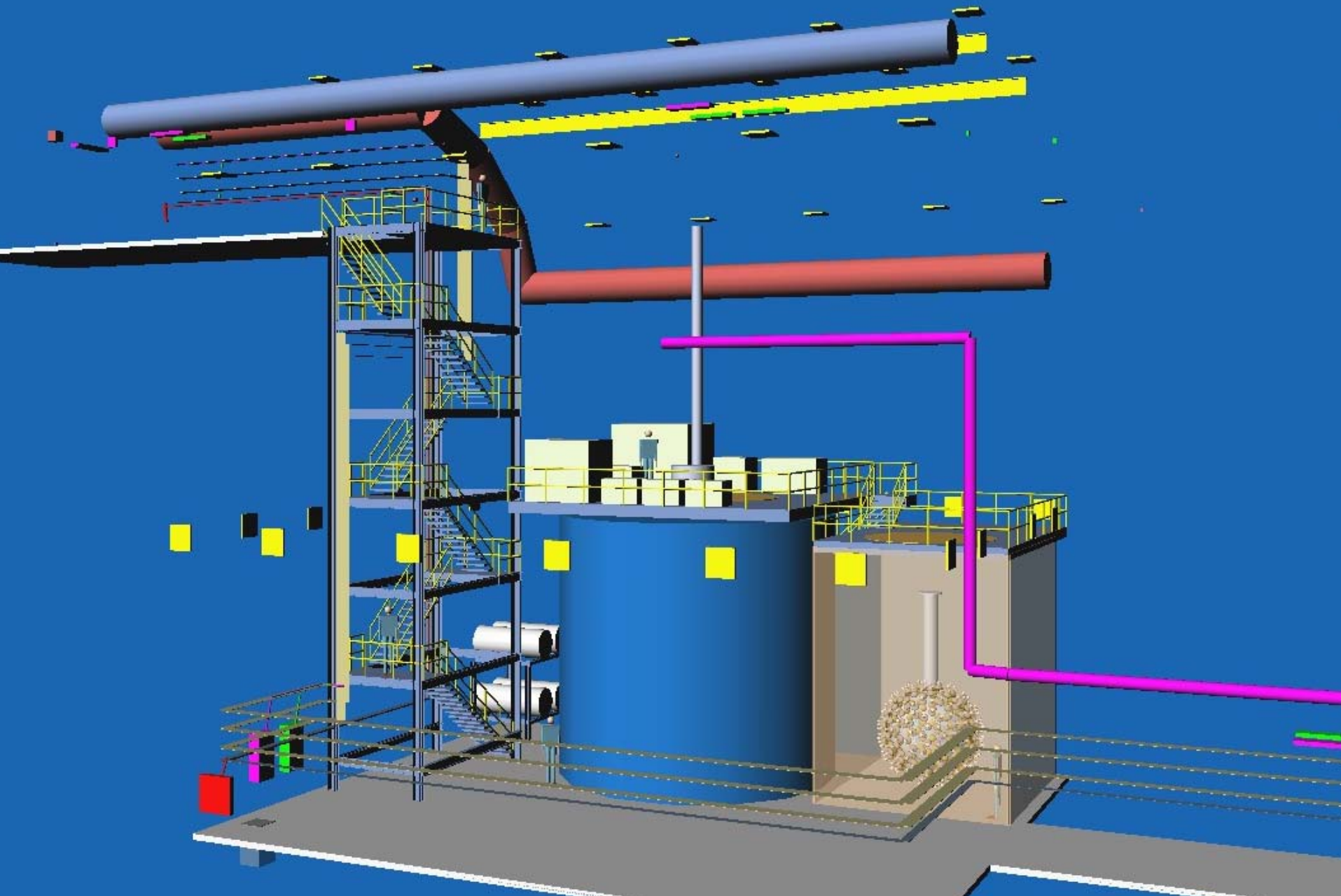
# DEAP/CLEAN (1 Tonne fiducial) in Cube Hall

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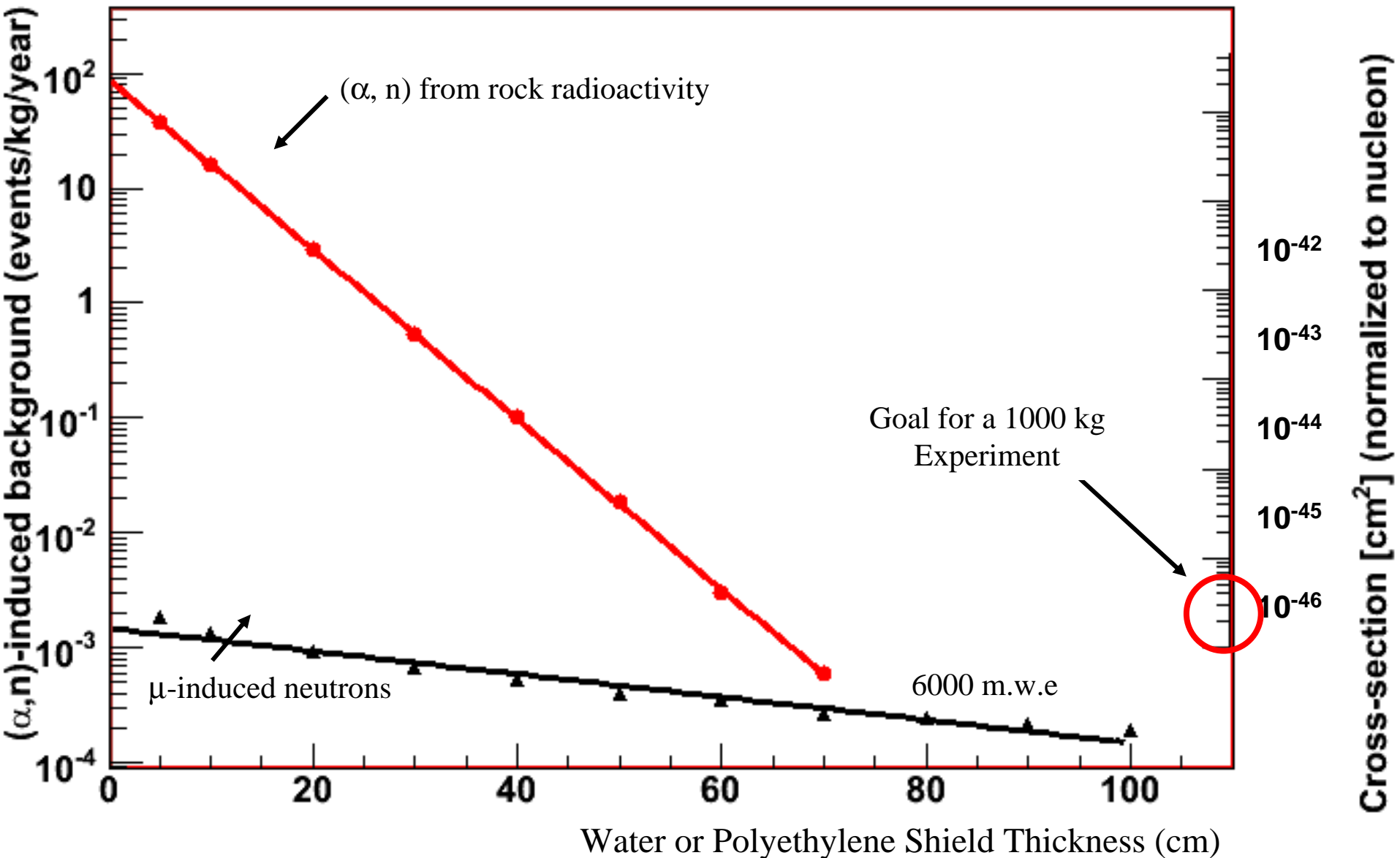
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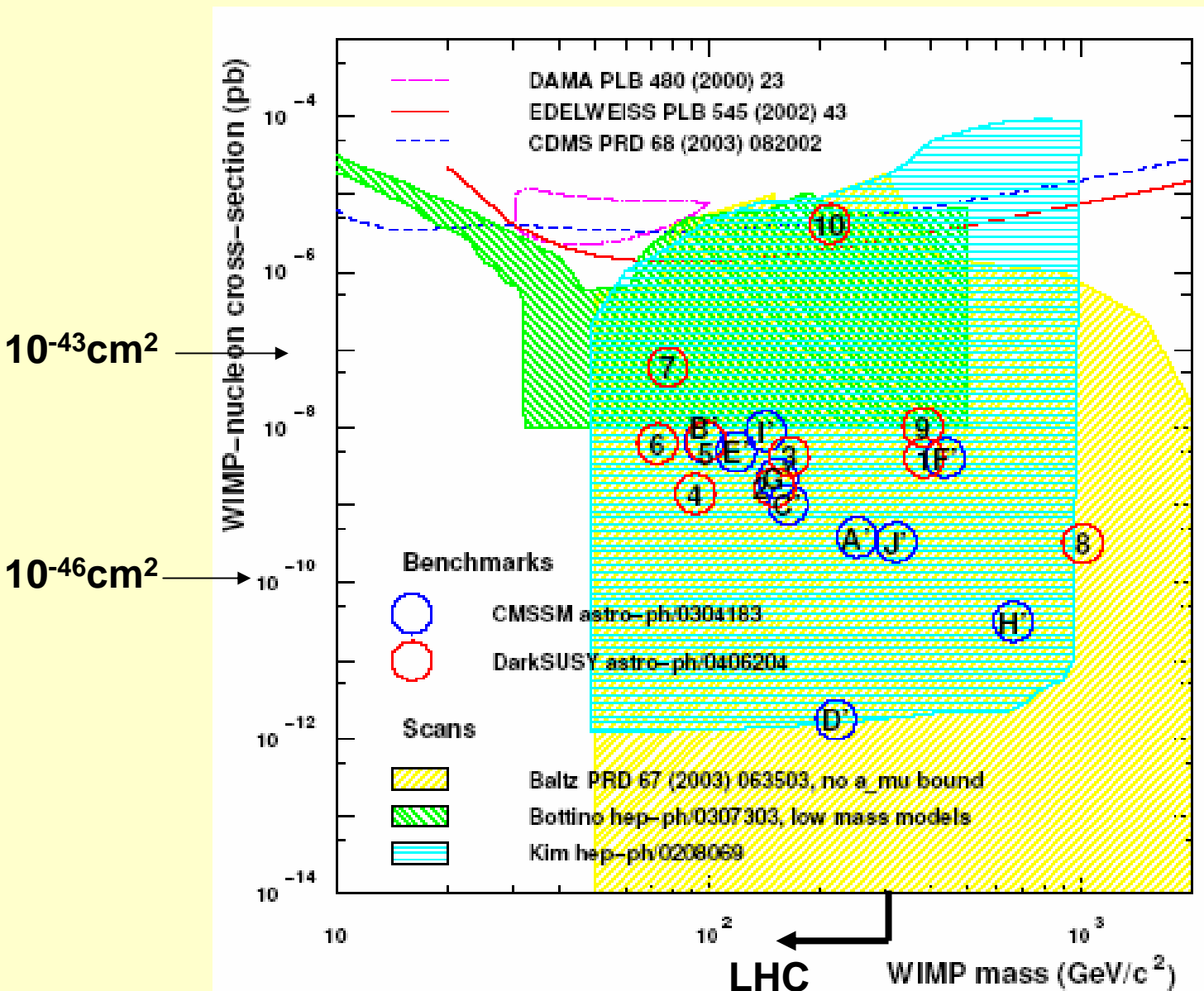


# External Neutron Shielding Requirements

Mei & Hime ... Following from PRD 73, 053004 (2006)



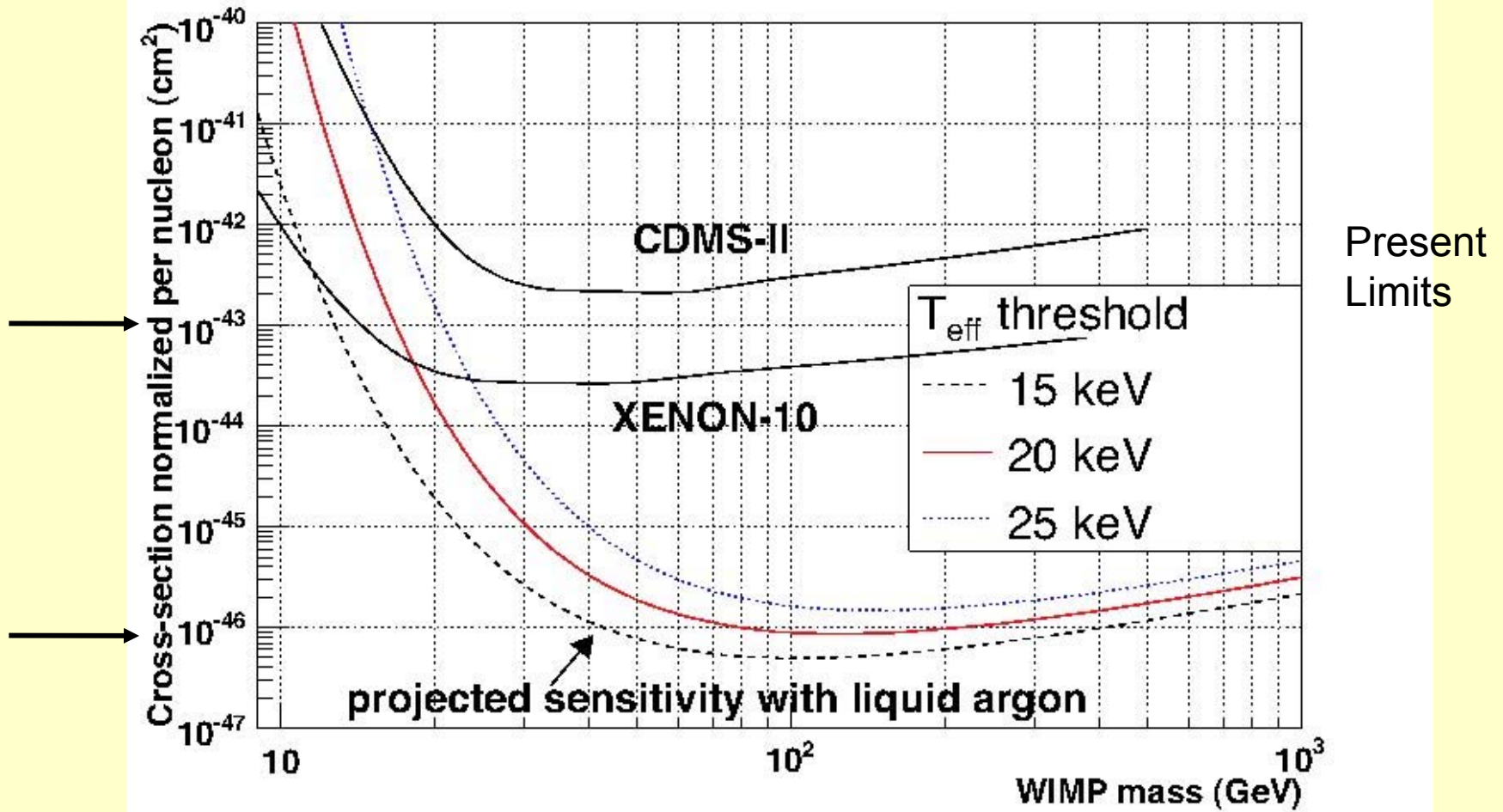
# Spin Independent Interaction



**Minimal Super-Symmetric Models**



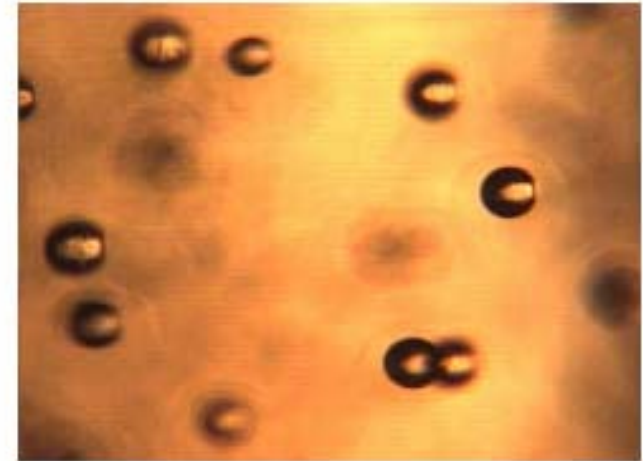
# WIMP Sensitivity with argon



For nominal threshold of 20 keV visible energy, 1000 kg LAr for 3 years is sensitive to  $10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$

## *The Superheated Droplet Detector*

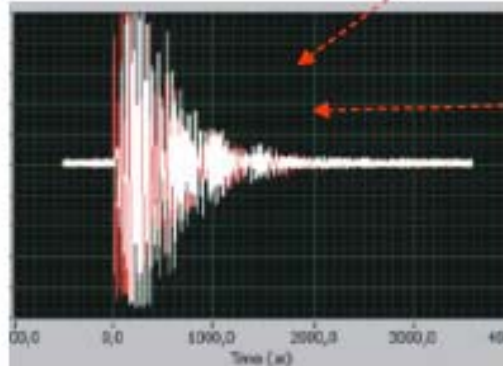
- droplets superheated at ambient T & P
- 50 to 100 $\mu$ m droplets of carbofluorides dispersed in polymerised gel
- active liquids:
  - $C_4F_{10}$  ( $T_b = -1.7^\circ C$ ),  $C_3F_8$  ( $T_b = -36.7^\circ C$ )
- ...used for n-dosimetry (BTI-Chalk River)
- Recoil energy threshold  $E_{rec} = O(\text{keV})$
- insensitive to  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and cosmic  $\mu$  radiation



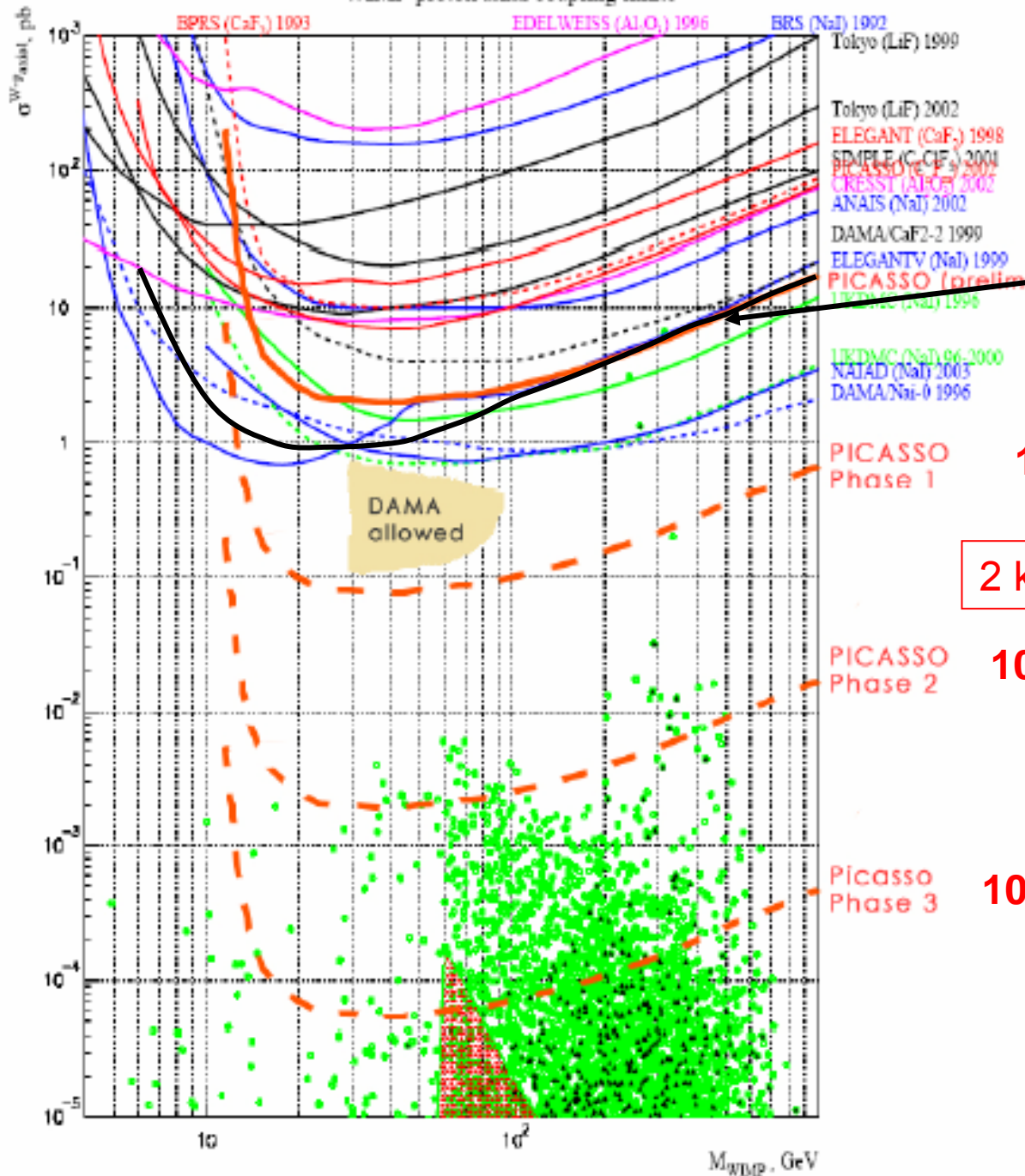
Fluorine is very sensitive for the spin-dependent interaction

Montreal, Queen's  
Indiana, Pisa, BTI

*Picasso*



# WIMP-proton axial coupling limits



## SPIN - DEPENDENT INTERACTION

20 g: hep-ex/0502028

PICASSO

1 kg

2 kg being run in 2006-07

10 kg

100 kg

# CONCLUSION

**Astroparticle physics is an exciting and growing field with continuing contributions to both particle physics and astronomy.**

**Look for many new results in the next few years in neutrino physics, dark matter, double beta decay with the potential for fundamental discoveries.**

